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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	JANUARY 04/JANUARY 03	JANUARY 04/DECEMBER 03
MANITOBA	0.5	0.0
CANADA	1.2	0.1

The Manitoba all items index rose 0.5% in January 2004 compared with January 2003, down from the December annual rate of 0.8%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in January was 1.2%, down from its December rate of 2.0%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 0.5% in January was the third lowest among the provinces, while Prince Edward Island recorded the highest annual rate, at 1.6%. The Winnipeg all items index was 0.5% in January, down from an annual rate of 0.8% in December.

Between January 2003 and January 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles, automobile insurance premiums, beef, recreational equipment and services, traveller accommodation as well as personal care supplies and equipment. These declines were somewhat offset by increases in cigarettes, natural gas, restaurant food, cablevision, replacement cost, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, as well as automobile vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs during the same time period.

On a monthly basis the Manitoba all-items index remained unchanged in January, after a 0.2% increase in December. Prices were lower last month for travel tours, other food preparations, inter-city transportation, fresh fruits and vegetables, other cereal grains and products as well as beef. These declines were offset by higher prices for gasoline, women's clothing, non-alcoholic beverages, purchase and leasing of vehicles, pet food and supplies, replacement cost and homeowners' maintenance and repairs. Overall, prices at the national level rose 0.1% in January, after increasing 0.1% in December.

CHART 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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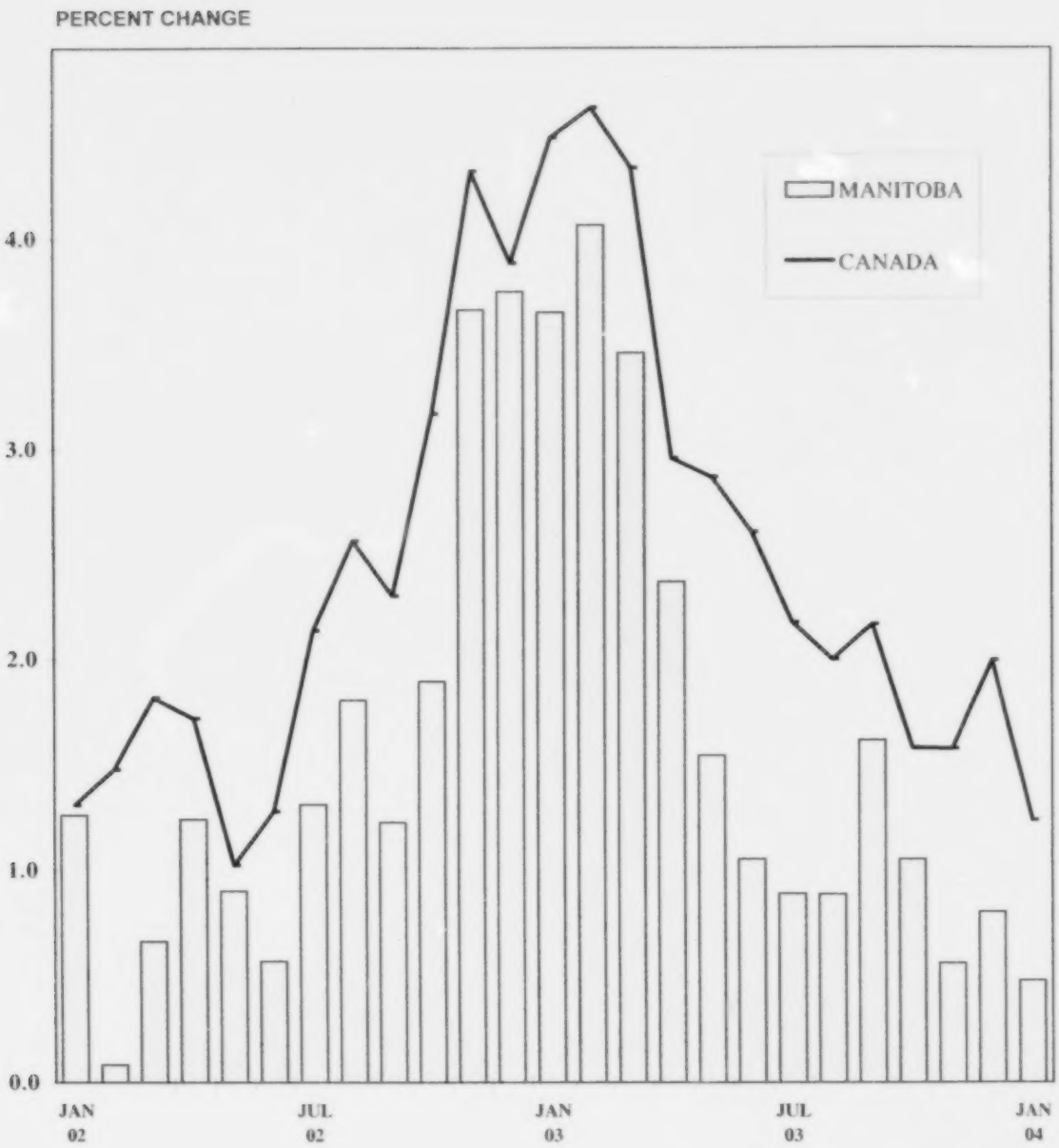
MANITOBA AND CANADA



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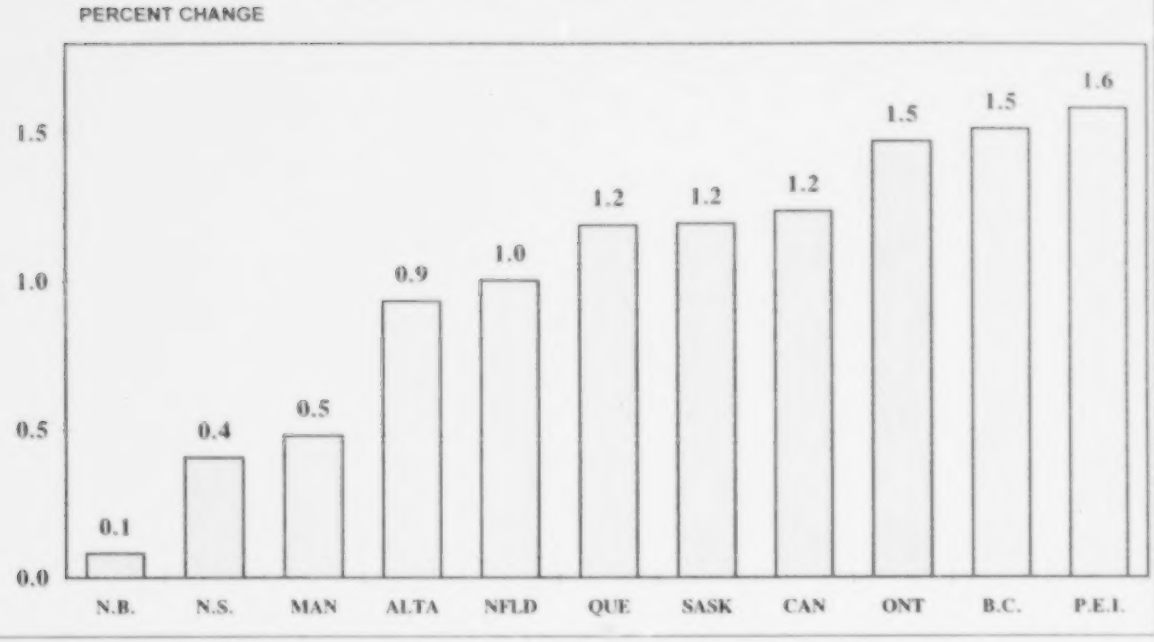

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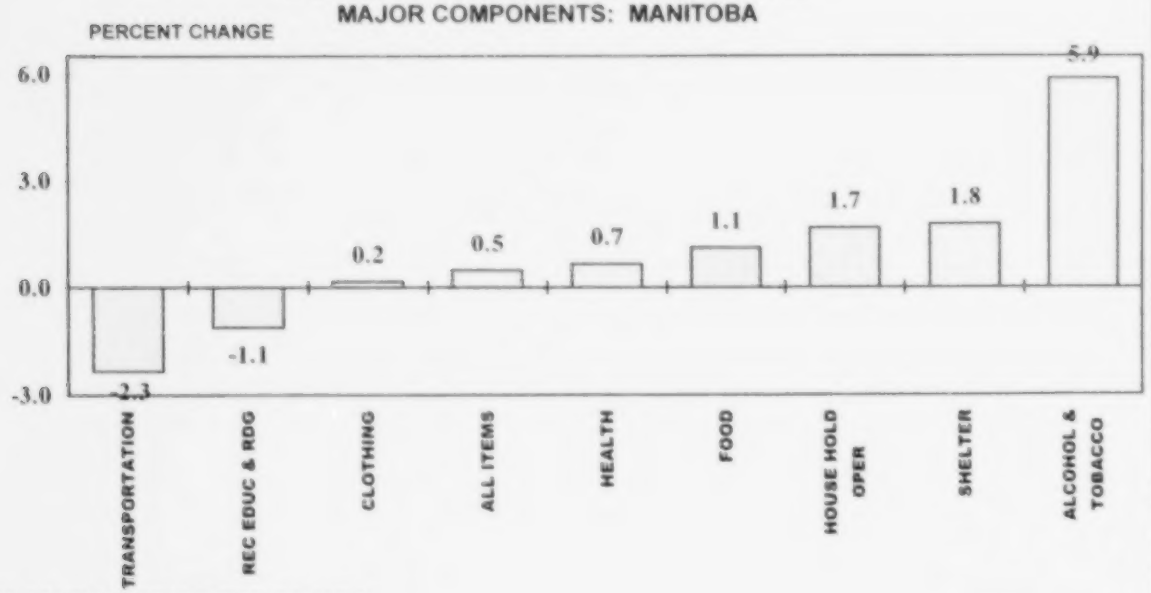

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JANUARY 2004

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	JAN 04	DEC 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 04	DEC 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS										
ALL ITEMS	125.6	125.6	0.0	125.0	0.5	122.9	122.8	0.1	121.4	1.2
FOOD	128.0	129.7	-1.3	126.6	1.1	123.7	123.4	0.2	122.3	1.1
SHELTER	120.6	120.3	0.2	118.5	1.8	118.7	118.8	-0.1	116.2	2.2
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.2	122.4	-0.2	120.2	1.7	114.9	114.9	0.0	113.9	0.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.9	114.2	3.2	117.7	0.2	102.3	102.5	-0.2	101.6	0.7
TRANSPORTATION	133.9	132.9	0.8	137.1	-2.3	142.2	140.8	1.0	141.9	0.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	122.3	123.6	-1.1	121.5	0.7	117.7	117.6	0.1	116.1	1.4
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	124.5	125.6	-0.9	125.9	-1.1	125.3	126.5	-0.9	125.4	-0.1
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	144.3	144.2	0.1	136.3	5.9	140.8	140.1	0.5	132.0	6.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	125.1	124.7	0.3	124.6	0.4	122.8	122.7	0.1	121.3	1.2
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	124.1	123.9	0.2	123.4	0.6	121.1	121.2	-0.1	119.2	1.6
ENERGY	134.1	131.4	2.1	136.1	-1.5	138.9	136.2	2.0	140.4	-1.1
GOODS	122.3	122.3	0.0	122.7	-0.3	117.9	117.6	0.3	117.9	0.0
SERVICES	129.1	129.1	0.0	127.4	1.3	128.5	128.6	-0.1	125.5	2.4

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JANUARY 2004

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	JAN 04	DEC 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 04	DEC 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	125.6	125.6	0.0	125.0	0.5	128.0	129.7	-1.3	126.6	1.1
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	127.1	127.0	0.1	125.6	1.2	122.5	124.2	-1.4	119.7	2.3
ALBERTA	129.8	129.9	-0.1	128.6	0.9	123.6	124.2	-0.5	121.5	1.7
BRITISH COLUMBIA	120.8	120.9	-0.1	119.0	1.5	124.1	124.4	-0.2	122.1	1.6
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	124.2	124.2	0.0	122.4	1.5	123.7	123.3	0.3	123.1	0.5
QUEBEC	119.2	118.6	0.5	117.8	1.2	125.0	124.0	0.8	123.1	1.5
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	122.5	122.0	0.4	122.4	0.1	121.9	120.6	1.1	120.5	1.2
NOVA SCOTIA	123.6	123.5	0.1	123.1	0.4	122.9	122.1	0.7	121.8	0.9
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	121.8	122.0	-0.2	119.9	1.6	119.9	119.8	0.1	119.0	0.8
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	120.9	120.3	0.5	119.7	1.0	117.8	116.6	1.0	117.0	0.7
* MANITOBA RANK			4		3			2		5

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF JANUARY 2004)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	0.5	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.5
FOOD	1.1	1.1	4.2	8.9	1.5	1.7
SHELTER	1.8	2.2	0.3	1.7	1.9	3.2
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.7	0.9	3.0	-0.7	1.1	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.2	0.7	-4.3	-9.9	0.5	-1.7
TRANSPORTATION	-2.3	0.2	7.5	7.4	0.5	4.3
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	0.7	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.3
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-1.1	-0.1	-7.9	-9.0	0.9	0.5
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	5.9	6.7	1.4	11.6	9.5	9.2
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.3	1.6	2.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	0.6	1.6	1.3	0.0	1.4	2.3
ENERGY	-1.5	-1.1	-3.5	5.7	3.7	6.5
GOODS	-0.3	0.0	2.7	3.8	1.3	1.5
SERVICES	1.3	2.4	0.0	0.0	1.8	3.4

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS THREE DIFFERENT METHODS:

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(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JANUARY 2004: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	JAN 04	DEC 03	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	125.7	125.7	0.0	0.5	1.5
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	128.1	127.9	0.2	1.3	2.1
SASKATOON	126.3	126.1	0.2	1.2	2.0
CALGARY	130.9	130.7	0.2	1.6	3.1
EDMONTON	128.0	128.4	-0.3	0.5	4.7
VANCOUVER	121.3	121.6	-0.2	1.3	1.9
VICTORIA	120.6	120.7	-0.1	1.6	2.1
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	122.3	122.6	-0.2	0.9	2.1
TORONTO	125.3	125.4	-0.1	1.7	2.8
OTTAWA	125.8	125.8	0.0	1.5	2.3
MONTREAL	119.3	118.7	0.5	1.4	2.2
QUEBEC	120.0	119.4	0.5	1.4	2.3
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	122.2	121.8	0.3	0.3	2.8
HALIFAX	122.8	122.7	0.1	0.7	2.8
CHARLOTTETOWN	120.9	121.1	-0.2	1.4	2.9
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	120.9	120.3	0.5	1.0	2.5
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			7	3	1

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	FEBRUARY 04/FEBRUARY 03	FEBRUARY 04/JANUARY 04
MANITOBA	-0.1	-0.2
CANADA	0.7	0.2

The Manitoba all items index fell 0.1% in February 2004 compared with February 2003, down from the January annual rate of 0.5%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in February was 0.7%, down from its January rate of 1.2%.

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Manitoba's annual inflation rate of -0.1% in February was tied for second lowest among the provinces, while British Columbia recorded the highest annual rate, at 1.4%. The Winnipeg all items index was -0.1% in February, down from an annual rate of 0.5% in January.

Between February 2003 and February 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles, gasoline, automobile insurance premiums, natural gas, beef, as well as women's and men's clothing. These declines were somewhat offset by increases in restaurant food, cigarettes, cablevision, replacement cost, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, other food preparations, as well as automobile vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs during the same time period.

On a monthly basis the Manitoba all-items index fell 0.2% in February, after remaining unchanged in January. Prices were lower last month for purchase and leasing of vehicles, women's and men's clothing, fresh fruit, non-alcoholic beverages, sugar and confectionery, as well as pet food and supplies. These declines were partly offset by higher prices for gasoline, travel tours, other food preparations, personal care supplies and equipment, other cereal grains and cereal products, furniture, and traveller accommodation. Overall, prices at the national level rose 0.2% in February, after increasing 0.1% in January.

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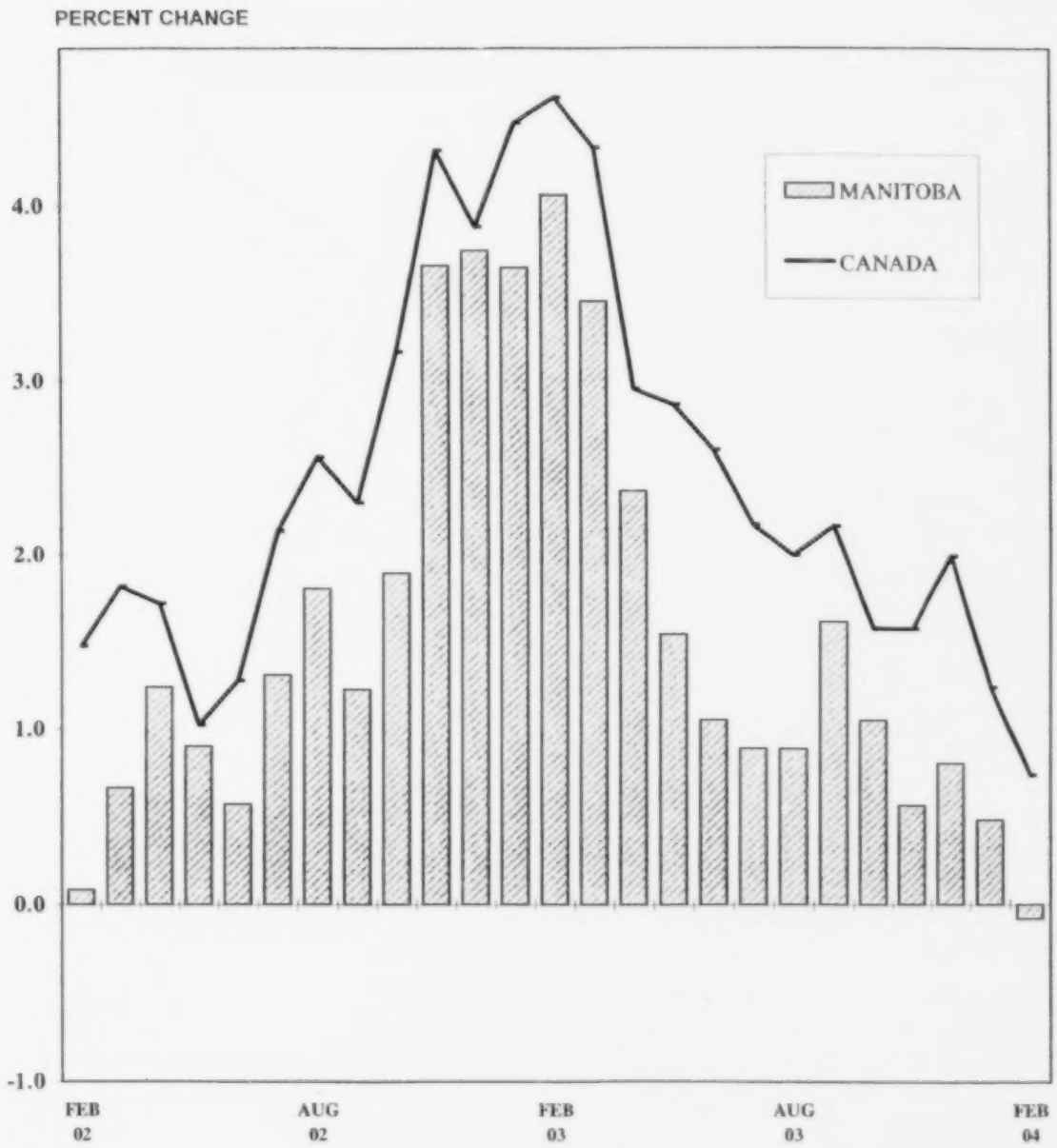

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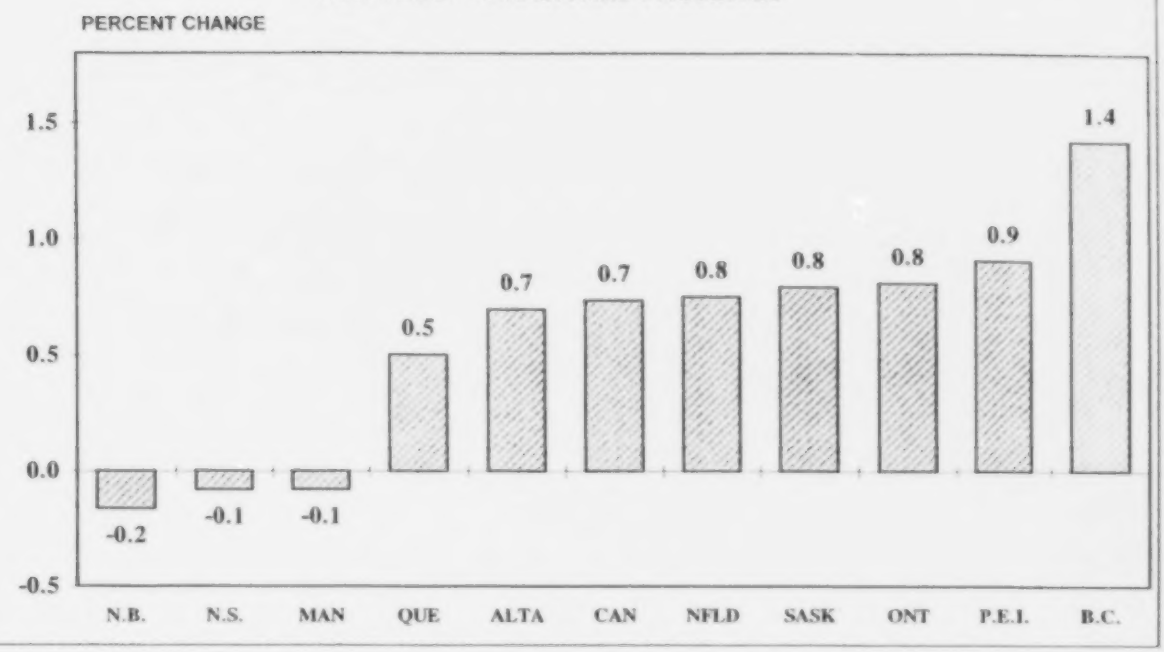

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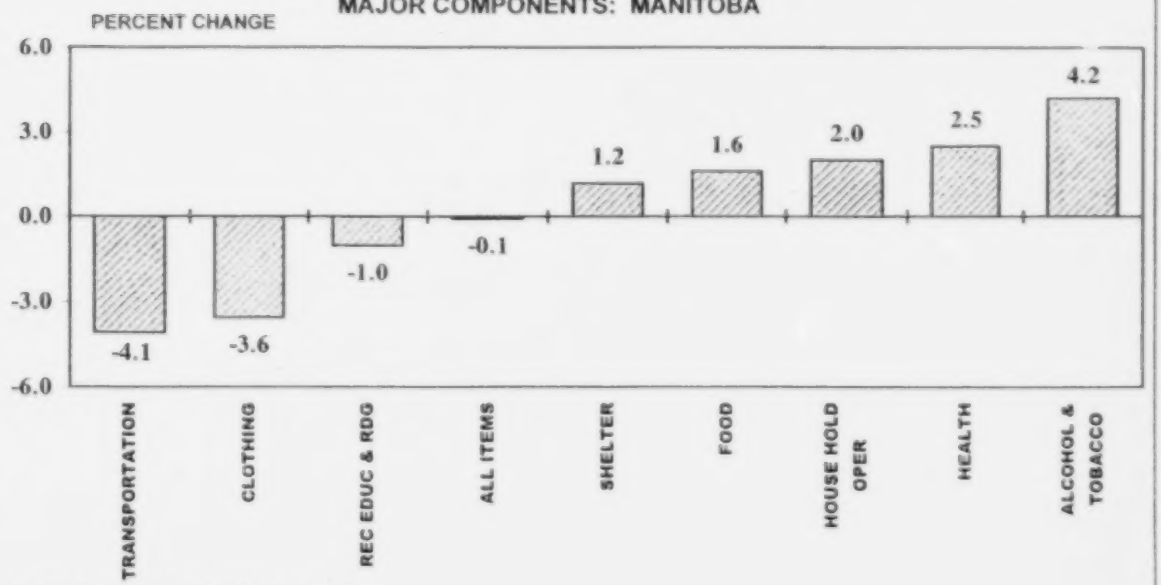

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(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	FEB 04	JAN 04	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 03	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 04	JAN 04	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	125.4	125.6	-0.2	125.5	-0.1	123.2	122.9	0.2	122.3	0.7
FOOD	127.4	128.0	-0.5	125.4	1.6	123.4	123.7	-0.2	122.1	1.1
SHELTER	120.7	120.6	0.1	119.3	1.2	119.0	118.7	0.3	116.7	2.0
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.3	122.2	0.1	119.9	2.0	115.2	114.9	0.3	114.5	0.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	113.6	117.9	-3.6	117.8	-3.6	104.0	102.3	1.7	103.8	0.2
TRANSPORTATION	134.0	133.9	0.1	139.7	-4.1	141.9	142.2	-0.2	144.1	-1.5
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	123.6	122.3	1.1	120.6	2.5	117.7	117.7	0.0	116.4	1.1
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	125.5	124.5	0.8	126.8	-1.0	126.6	125.3	1.0	127.1	-0.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	144.0	144.3	-0.2	138.2	4.2	141.1	140.8	0.2	133.5	5.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	125.0	125.1	-0.1	125.6	-0.5	123.2	122.8	0.3	122.4	0.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	123.5	124.1	-0.5	123.5	0.0	121.2	121.1	0.1	119.9	1.1
ENERGY	139.0	134.1	3.7	145.2	-4.3	141.9	138.9	2.2	146.5	-3.1
GOODS	121.9	122.3	-0.3	123.6	-1.4	118.2	117.9	0.3	119.2	-0.8
SERVICES	129.2	129.1	0.1	127.6	1.3	128.8	128.5	0.2	126.1	2.1

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	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	FEB 04	JAN 04	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 03	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 04	JAN 04	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	125.4	125.6	-0.2	125.5	-0.1	127.4	128.0	-0.5	125.4	1.6
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	127.2	127.1	0.1	126.2	0.8	122.4	122.5	-0.1	120.2	1.8
ALBERTA	129.9	129.8	0.1	129.0	0.7	122.3	123.6	-1.1	120.6	1.4
BRITISH COLUMBIA	121.3	120.8	0.4	119.6	1.4	123.2	124.1	-0.7	121.1	1.7
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	124.4	124.2	0.2	123.4	0.8	123.7	123.7	0.0	123.2	0.4
QUEBEC	119.7	119.2	0.4	119.1	0.5	125.0	125.0	0.0	123.2	1.5
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	123.1	122.5	0.5	123.3	-0.2	122.3	121.9	0.3	120.7	1.3
NOVA SCOTIA	124.2	123.6	0.5	124.3	-0.1	123.6	122.9	0.6	122.7	0.7
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	122.4	121.8	0.5	121.3	0.9	120.2	119.9	0.3	119.2	0.8
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	120.8	120.9	-0.1	119.9	0.8	118.1	117.8	0.3	117.3	0.7
* MANITOBA RANK			1		3			3		8

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF FEBRUARY 2004)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	-0.1	0.7	0.3	1.6	1.2	2.2
FOOD	1.6	1.1	0.0	3.6	1.5	1.7
SHELTER	1.2	2.0	1.3	2.4	1.8	3.1
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	2.0	0.6	3.3	1.0	1.3	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-3.6	0.2	-6.1	-0.8	-0.1	-1.6
TRANSPORTATION	-4.1	-1.5	2.4	2.9	-0.6	3.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	2.5	1.1	-0.3	-1.0	1.5	1.3
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-1.0	-0.4	-2.8	-2.8	0.6	0.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	4.2	5.7	0.6	10.6	8.3	8.2
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	-0.5	0.7	0.6	1.3	1.2	2.3
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	0.0	1.1	-1.6	-0.7	1.1	2.1
ENERGY	-4.3	-3.1	22.2	20.6	1.7	4.6
GOODS	-1.4	-0.8	0.3	2.4	0.8	1.1
SERVICES	1.3	2.1	0.6	1.3	1.7	3.2

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR FEBRUARY 2004: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	FEB 04	JAN 04	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	125.6	125.7	-0.1	-0.1	1.2
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	128.2	128.1	0.1	0.9	1.8
SASKATOON	126.5	126.3	0.2	0.9	1.7
CALGARY	131.0	130.9	0.1	1.3	2.7
EDMONTON	127.9	128.0	-0.1	0.1	4.1
VANCOUVER	121.8	121.3	0.4	1.2	1.7
VICTORIA	121.0	120.6	0.3	1.5	1.9
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	122.5	122.3	0.2	0.2	1.8
TORONTO	125.6	125.3	0.2	1.2	2.5
OTTAWA	126.0	125.8	0.2	0.7	2.0
MONTREAL	119.8	119.3	0.4	0.7	1.9
QUEBEC	120.4	120.0	0.3	0.7	2.0
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	122.8	122.2	0.5	0.1	2.3
HALIFAX	123.2	122.8	0.3	0.2	2.3
CHARLOTTETOWN	121.6	120.9	0.6	0.9	2.5
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	120.8	120.9	-0.1	0.8	2.1
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			2	1	1

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	MARCH 04/MARCH 03	MARCH 04/FEBRUARY 04
MANITOBA	0.2	0.5
CANADA	0.7	0.3

The Manitoba all items index rose 0.2% in March 2004 compared with March 2003, up from the February annual rate of -0.1%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in March was 0.7%, unchanged from its February rate.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 0.2% in March was fifth lowest among the provinces, while Ontario recorded the highest annual rate, at 1.1%. The Winnipeg all items index was 0.3% in March, up from an annual rate of -0.1% in February.

Between March 2003 and March 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for purchase and leasing of vehicles, gasoline, natural gas, recreational equipment and services, fresh or frozen beef, inter-city transportation, as well as traveller accommodation. These declines were offset by higher prices for food purchased from restaurants, cigarettes, cablevision, automobile insurance premiums, replacement cost, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, and automotive vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.5% in March, after dropping by 0.2% in February. Prices were lower last month for sugar and confectionery, other food preparations, recreational equipment and services, processed meat, fresh or frozen chicken, fats and oils, as well as household textiles. These declines were offset by increases in automobile insurance premiums, gasoline, men and women's clothing, purchase and leasing of automobiles, fresh vegetables, as well as fresh or frozen beef during the same time period. Overall, prices at the national level rose 0.3% in March, up from their February rate of 0.2%.

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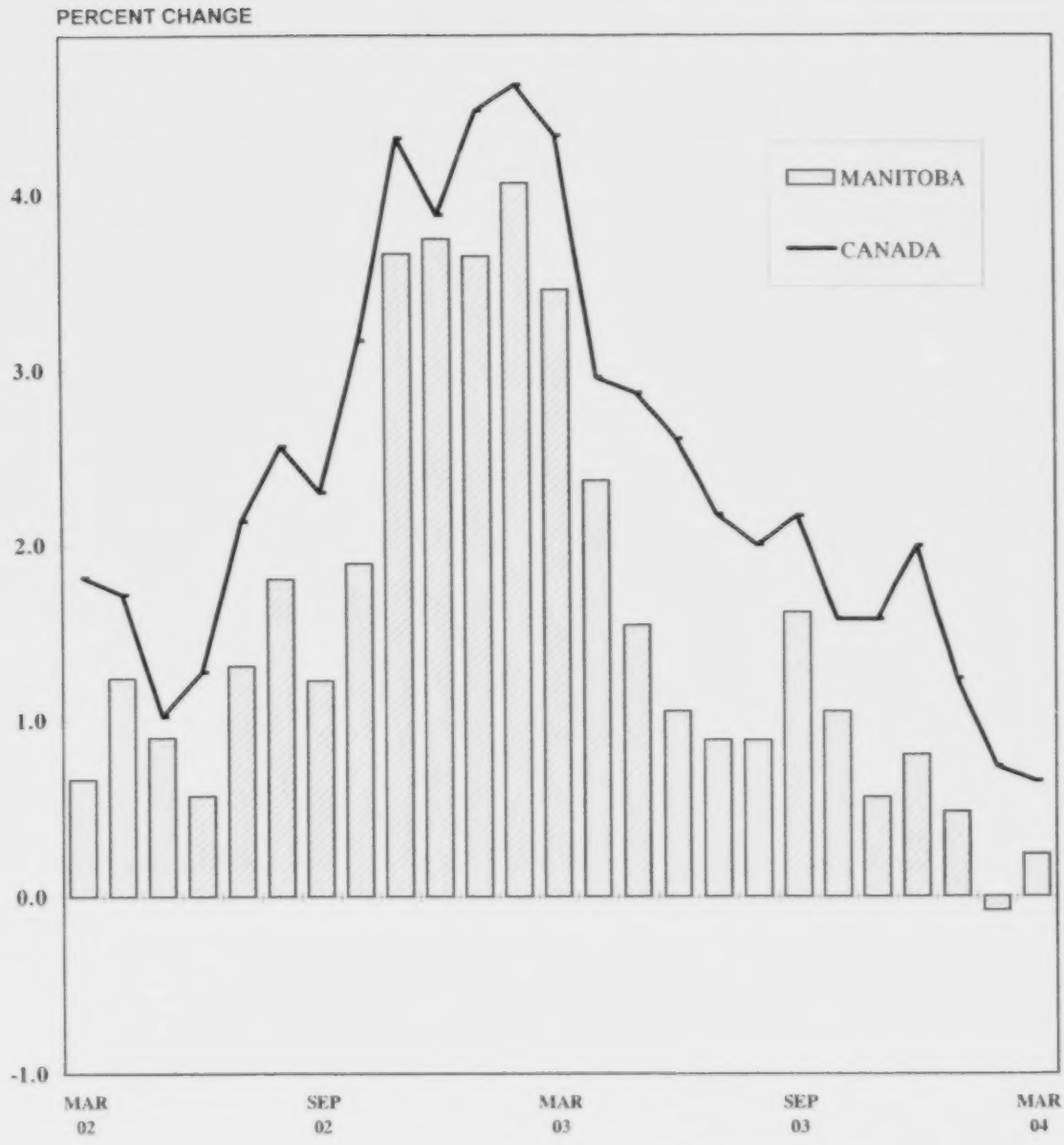

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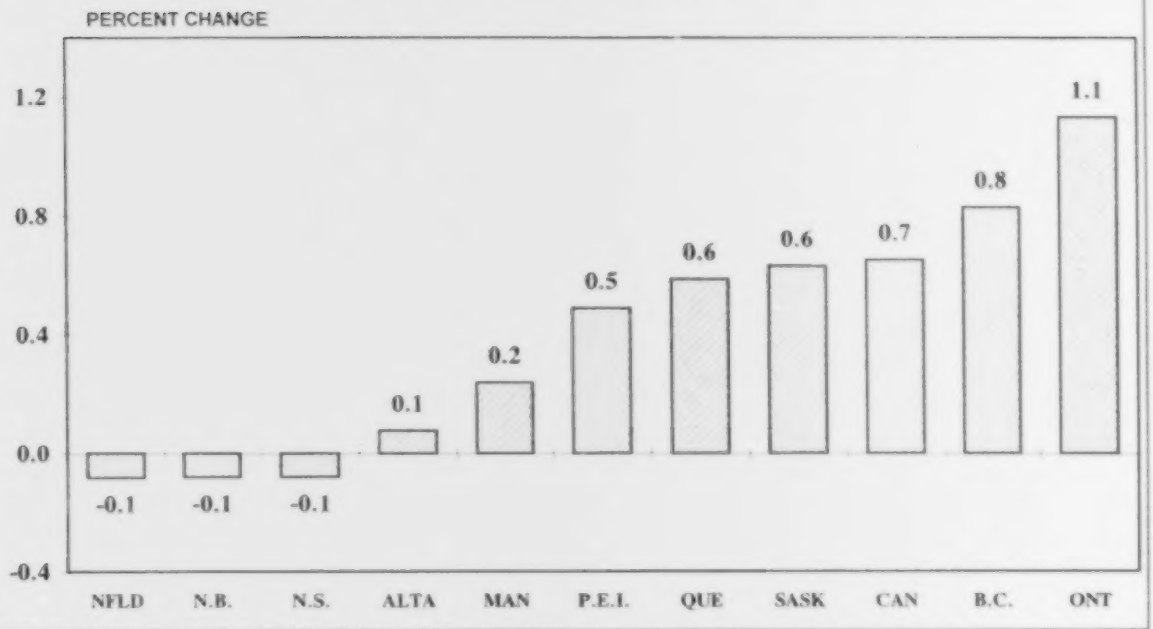

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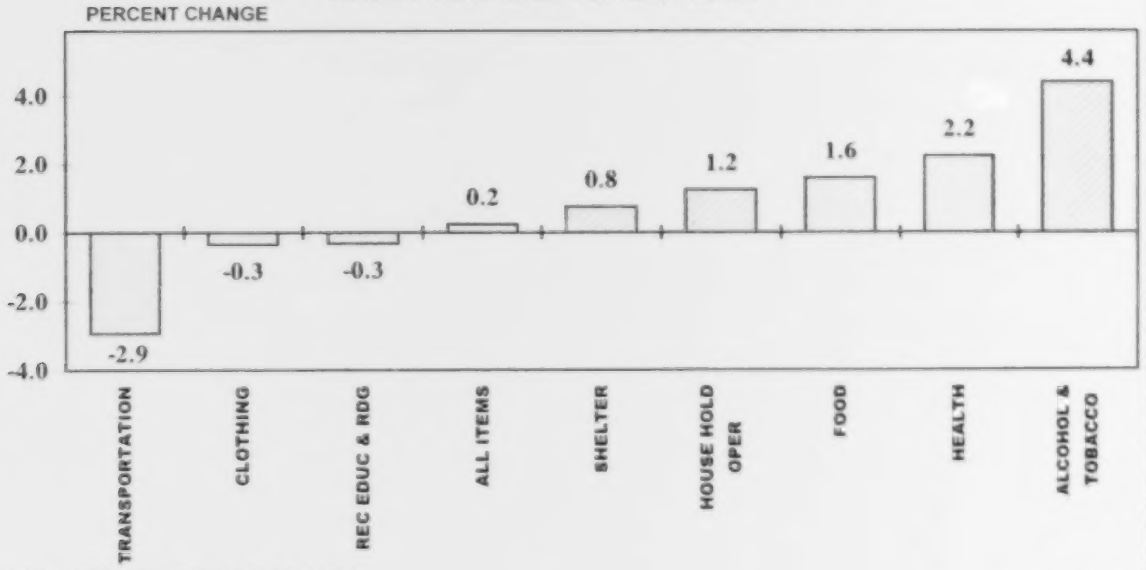

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH 2004

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	MAR 04	FEB 04	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 03	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 04	FEB 04	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	126.0	125.4	0.5	125.7	0.2	123.6	123.2	0.3	122.8	0.7
FOOD	127.8	127.4	0.3	125.8	1.6	123.6	123.4	0.2	122.4	1.0
SHELTER	120.6	120.7	-0.1	119.7	0.8	119.0	119.0	0.0	117.4	1.4
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.3	122.3	0.0	120.8	1.2	115.3	115.2	0.1	114.5	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	116.7	113.6	2.7	117.1	-0.3	105.3	104.0	1.3	105.5	-0.2
TRANSPORTATION	135.5	134.0	1.1	139.6	-2.9	142.8	141.9	0.6	144.6	-1.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	123.5	123.6	-0.1	120.8	2.2	118.3	117.7	0.5	116.1	1.9
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	125.7	125.5	0.2	126.1	-0.3	127.3	126.6	0.6	126.7	0.5
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	144.9	144.0	0.6	138.8	4.4	141.3	141.1	0.1	133.8	5.6
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	125.6	125.0	0.5	125.7	-0.1	123.7	123.2	0.4	122.9	0.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	124.0	123.5	0.4	123.4	0.5	121.6	121.2	0.3	120.2	1.2
ENERGY	140.4	139.0	1.0	147.6	-4.9	143.3	141.9	1.0	149.5	-4.1
GOODS	122.7	121.9	0.7	124.2	-1.2	118.8	118.2	0.5	119.9	-0.9
SERVICES	129.6	129.2	0.3	127.4	1.7	129.0	128.8	0.2	126.2	2.2

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH 2004

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	MAR 04	FEB 04	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 03	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 04	FEB 04	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	126.0	125.4	0.5	125.7	0.2	127.8	127.4	0.3	125.8	1.6
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	127.5	127.2	0.2	126.7	0.6	122.4	122.4	0.0	120.6	1.5
ALBERTA	130.3	129.9	0.3	130.2	0.1	122.9	122.3	0.5	121.3	1.3
BRITISH COLUMBIA	121.6	121.3	0.2	120.6	0.8	123.5	123.2	0.2	122.3	1.0
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	124.9	124.4	0.4	123.5	1.1	123.9	123.7	0.2	123.1	0.6
QUEBEC	120.0	119.7	0.3	119.3	0.6	124.8	125.0	-0.2	123.3	1.2
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	123.6	123.1	0.4	123.7	-0.1	122.6	122.3	0.2	121.2	1.2
NOVA SCOTIA	125.0	124.2	0.6	125.1	-0.1	123.3	123.6	-0.2	123.0	0.2
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	123.2	122.4	0.7	122.6	0.5	120.5	120.2	0.2	119.4	0.9
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	121.3	120.8	0.4	121.4	-0.1	118.5	118.1	0.3	118.6	-0.1
* MANITOBA RANK			8		5			8		10

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF MARCH 2004)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	0.2	0.7	1.3	2.6	0.9	1.9
FOOD	1.6	1.0	-5.7	0.6	1.6	1.6
SHELTER	0.8	1.4	1.0	0.7	1.6	2.9
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.2	0.7	-0.3	1.4	1.2	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-0.3	-0.2	9.0	11.4	-0.2	-1.5
TRANSPORTATION	-2.9	-1.2	8.1	5.8	-1.4	2.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	2.2	1.9	-0.3	2.4	1.7	1.4
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-0.3	0.5	0.3	2.6	0.4	0.2
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	4.4	5.6	2.0	3.5	7.2	7.3
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	-0.1	0.7	2.9	3.3	0.8	1.9
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	0.5	1.2	0.3	1.3	0.9	1.9
ENERGY	-4.9	-4.1	30.3	22.5	0.0	2.8
GOODS	-1.2	-0.9	1.3	4.1	0.3	0.6
SERVICES	1.7	2.2	1.6	1.2	1.6	3.1

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(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH 2004: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	MAR 04	FEB 04	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
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WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	128.6	128.2	0.3	0.8	1.6
SASKATOON	126.6	126.5	0.1	0.6	1.4
CALGARY	131.4	131.0	0.3	0.5	2.2
EDMONTON	128.3	127.9	0.3	-0.5	3.3
VANCOUVER	122.2	121.8	0.3	0.8	1.5
VICTORIA	121.3	121.0	0.2	1.0	1.7
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	122.9	122.5	0.3	0.4	1.5
TORONTO	125.8	125.6	0.2	1.2	2.3
OTTAWA	126.5	126.0	0.4	1.0	1.8
MONTREAL	120.0	119.8	0.2	0.7	1.6
QUEBEC	120.7	120.4	0.2	0.7	1.7
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	123.2	122.8	0.3	0.1	1.8
HALIFAX	124.0	123.2	0.6	0.2	1.8
CHARLOTTETOWN	122.3	121.6	0.6	0.7	2.0
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	121.3	120.8	0.4	0.0	1.7
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			14	5	1

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	APRIL 04/APRIL 03	APRIL 04/ MARCH 04
MANITOBA	0.8	0.3
CANADA	1.6	0.2

The Manitoba all items index rose 0.8% in April 2004 compared with April 2003, up from the March annual rate of 0.2%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in April was 1.6%, up from its March rate of 0.7%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 0.8% in April was fifth lowest among the provinces, while Ontario recorded the highest annual rate at 2.3% and Alberta had the lowest rate at 0.3%. The Winnipeg all items index was 0.9% in April, up from an annual rate of 0.3% in March.

Between April 2003 and April 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for purchase and leasing of vehicles, natural gas, fresh or frozen beef, recreational equipment and services, fresh vegetables, processed meat, as well as home entertainment equipment and services. These declines were offset by higher prices for food purchased from restaurants, cigarettes, replacement cost, cablevision, furniture, automobile insurance premiums, and other food preparations.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.3% in April, after rising by 0.5% in March. Prices were lower last month for women's clothing, fresh vegetables, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, dairy products, processed meat, other cereal grains and cereal products, and fish. These declines were offset by increases in purchase and leasing of automobiles, driver's licences, sugar and confectionery, inter-city transportation, replacement cost, as well as other food preparations during the same time period. Overall, prices at the national level rose 0.2% in April, down from their March rate of 0.3%.

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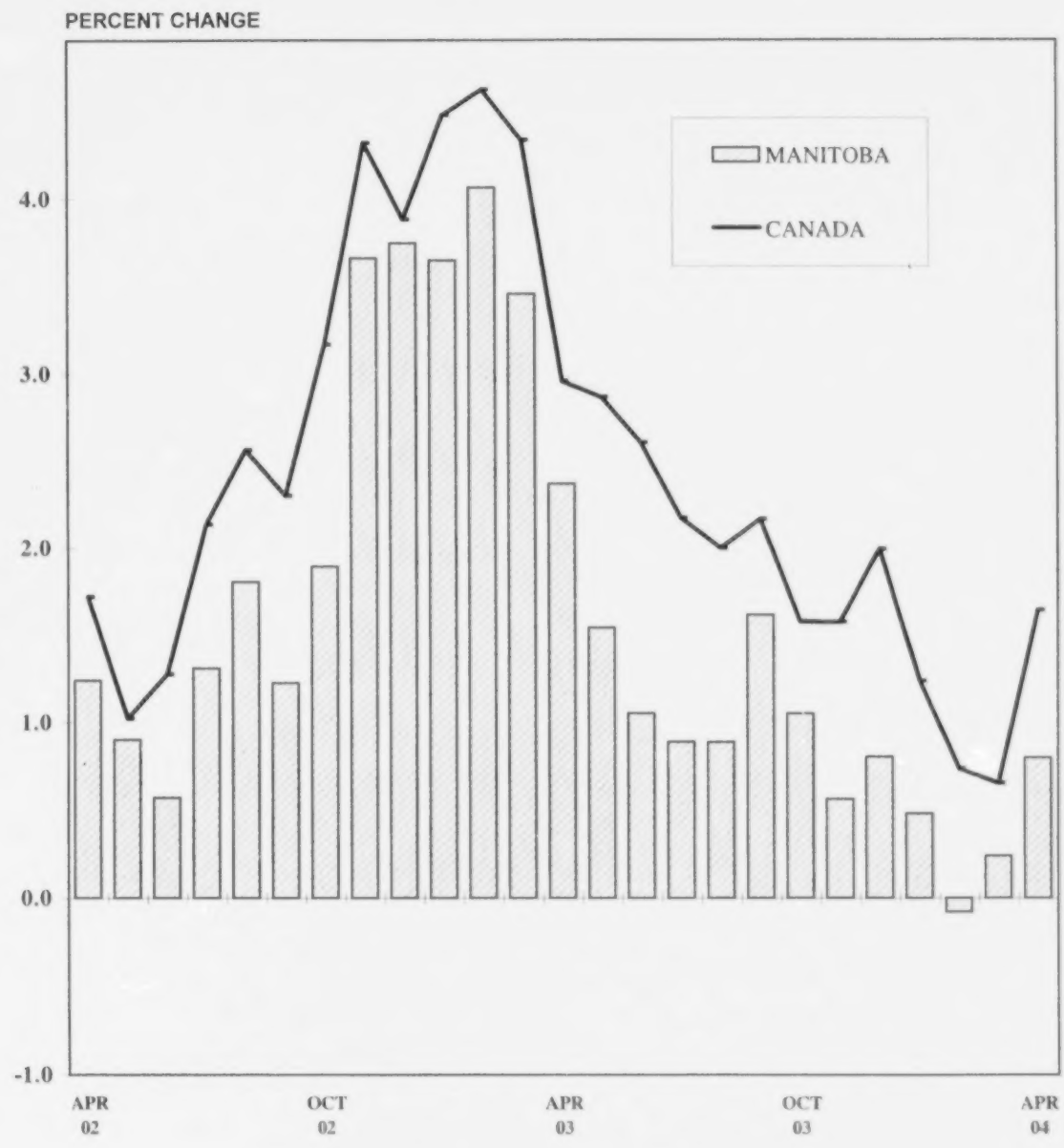

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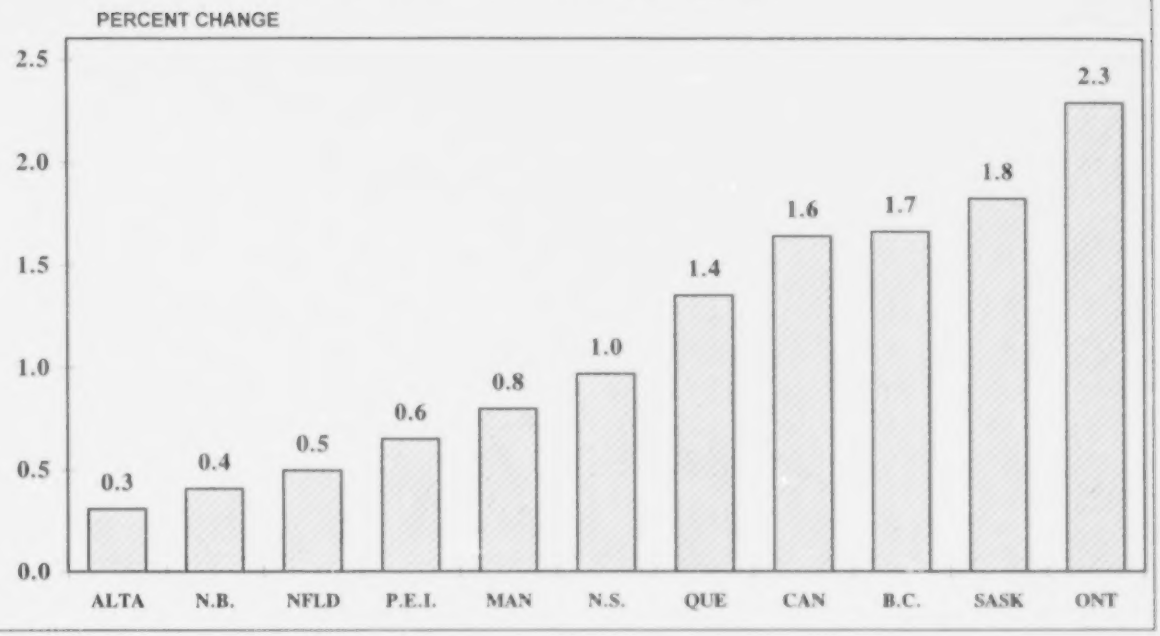

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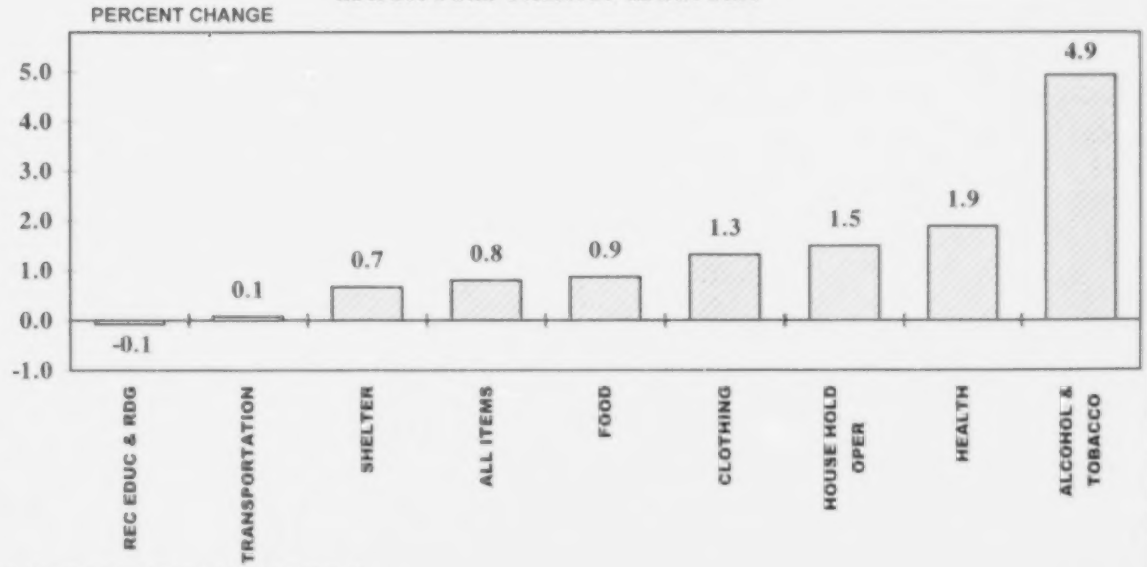

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 2004

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	APR 04	MAR 04	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 03	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 04	MAR 04	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	126.4	126.0	0.3	125.4	0.8	123.9	123.6	0.2	121.9	1.6
FOOD	127.8	127.8	0.0	126.7	0.9	123.4	123.6	-0.2	122.4	0.8
SHELTER	120.8	120.6	0.2	120.0	0.7	119.6	119.0	0.5	116.5	2.7
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.4	122.3	0.1	120.6	1.5	115.6	115.3	0.3	114.5	1.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.5	116.7	-1.0	114.0	1.3	103.8	105.3	-1.4	103.8	0.0
TRANSPORTATION	137.5	135.5	1.5	137.4	0.1	143.5	142.8	0.5	141.8	1.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	124.4	123.5	0.7	122.1	1.9	119.0	118.3	0.6	116.8	1.9
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	125.7	125.7	0.0	125.8	-0.1	127.1	127.3	-0.2	126.3	0.6
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	146.9	144.9	1.4	140.0	4.9	142.2	141.3	0.6	134.5	5.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	126.2	125.6	0.5	125.1	0.9	124.0	123.7	0.2	121.9	1.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	124.6	124.0	0.5	123.4	1.0	121.7	121.6	0.1	120.2	1.2
ENERGY	140.7	140.4	0.2	141.2	-0.4	146.2	143.3	2.0	137.4	6.4
GOODS	123.1	122.7	0.3	123.1	0.0	119.1	118.8	0.3	118.0	0.9
SERVICES	130.1	129.6	0.4	127.9	1.7	129.3	129.0	0.2	126.4	2.3

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 2004

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	APR 04	MAR 04	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 03	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 04	MAR 04	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	126.4	126.0	0.3	125.4	0.8	127.8	127.8	0.0	126.7	0.9
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	128.4	127.5	0.7	126.1	1.8	121.6	122.4	-0.7	121.0	0.5
ALBERTA	130.6	130.3	0.2	130.2	0.3	122.1	122.9	-0.7	121.9	0.2
BRITISH COLUMBIA	122.4	121.6	0.7	120.4	1.7	123.7	123.5	0.2	122.7	0.8
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	125.1	124.9	0.2	122.3	2.3	123.4	123.9	-0.4	123.1	0.2
QUEBEC	119.9	120.0	-0.1	118.3	1.4	125.2	124.8	0.3	122.7	2.0
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	123.5	123.6	-0.1	123.0	0.4	121.9	122.6	-0.6	120.9	0.8
NOVA SCOTIA	125.1	125.0	0.1	123.9	1.0	123.3	123.3	0.0	122.4	0.7
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	123.9	123.2	0.6	123.1	0.6	120.5	120.5	0.0	119.5	0.8
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	121.6	121.3	0.2	121.0	0.5	118.5	118.5	0.0	118.1	0.3
* MANITOBA RANK			7		5			5		9

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF APRIL 2004)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	0.8	1.6	2.6	3.3	0.8	1.8
FOOD	0.9	0.8	-0.6	-1.0	1.5	1.6
SHELTER	0.7	2.7	0.7	3.1	1.5	2.8
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.5	1.0	0.7	2.5	1.3	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	1.3	0.0	-7.9	6.0	0.0	-1.2
TRANSPORTATION	0.1	1.2	11.2	3.7	-1.6	1.7
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.9	1.9	7.0	4.5	1.7	1.4
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-0.1	0.6	3.9	5.9	0.3	0.2
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	4.9	5.7	7.4	4.0	6.3	6.6
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	0.9	1.7	3.6	4.0	0.7	1.8
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.0	1.2	1.6	2.0	0.8	1.7
ENERGY	-0.4	6.4	21.2	22.7	-0.6	2.8
GOODS	0.0	0.9	2.6	4.1	0.1	0.5
SERVICES	1.7	2.3	3.1	2.5	1.6	2.9

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 2004: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	APR 04	MAR 04	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	126.6	126.2	0.3	0.9	0.8
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	129.4	128.6	0.6	1.9	1.6
SASKATOON	127.5	126.6	0.7	1.8	1.4
CALGARY	131.6	131.4	0.2	0.5	1.9
EDMONTON	128.7	128.3	0.3	-0.1	2.7
VANCOUVER	123.0	122.2	0.7	1.7	1.5
VICTORIA	122.2	121.3	0.7	1.9	1.7
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	123.3	122.9	0.3	1.3	1.4
TORONTO	125.7	125.8	-0.1	1.8	2.2
OTTAWA	126.7	126.5	0.2	2.4	1.8
MONTREAL	120.0	120.0	0.0	1.5	1.5
QUEBEC	120.6	120.7	-0.1	1.4	1.6
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	123.1	123.2	-0.1	0.6	1.4
HALIFAX	124.1	124.0	0.1	1.0	1.6
CHARLOTTETOWN	122.9	122.3	0.5	0.7	1.7
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	121.6	121.3	0.2	0.6	1.5
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			10	6	1

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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	MAY 04/MAY 03	MAY 04/ APRIL 04
MANITOBA	2.4	1.3
CANADA	2.5	0.9

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.4% in May 2004 compared with May 2003, up from the April annual rate of 0.8%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in May was 2.5%, up from its April rate of 1.6%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.4% in May was seventh among the provinces, while Ontario recorded the highest annual rate at 2.8% and Newfoundland had the lowest rate at 1.7%. The Winnipeg all items index was 2.3 in May, up from an annual rate of 0.9% in April.

Between May 2003 and May 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for purchase and leasing of vehicles, recreational equipment and services, mortgage interest costs, fresh or frozen beef, home entertainment equipment and services, household appliances, as well as processed meat. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for gasoline, food purchased from restaurants, cigarettes, replacement cost, other food preparations, furniture, and automobile insurance premiums.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 1.3% in May, after rising by 0.3% in April. Prices were lower last month for pet food and supplies, bakery products, sugar and confectionery, non-alcoholic beverages, personal care supplies and equipment, women's clothing, and fresh or frozen chicken. These declines were offset by increases in gasoline, cigarettes, fresh fruit, inter-city transportation, natural gas, food purchased from restaurants, as well as traveller accommodation during the same time period. Overall, prices at the national level rose 0.9% in May, up from their April rate of 0.2%.

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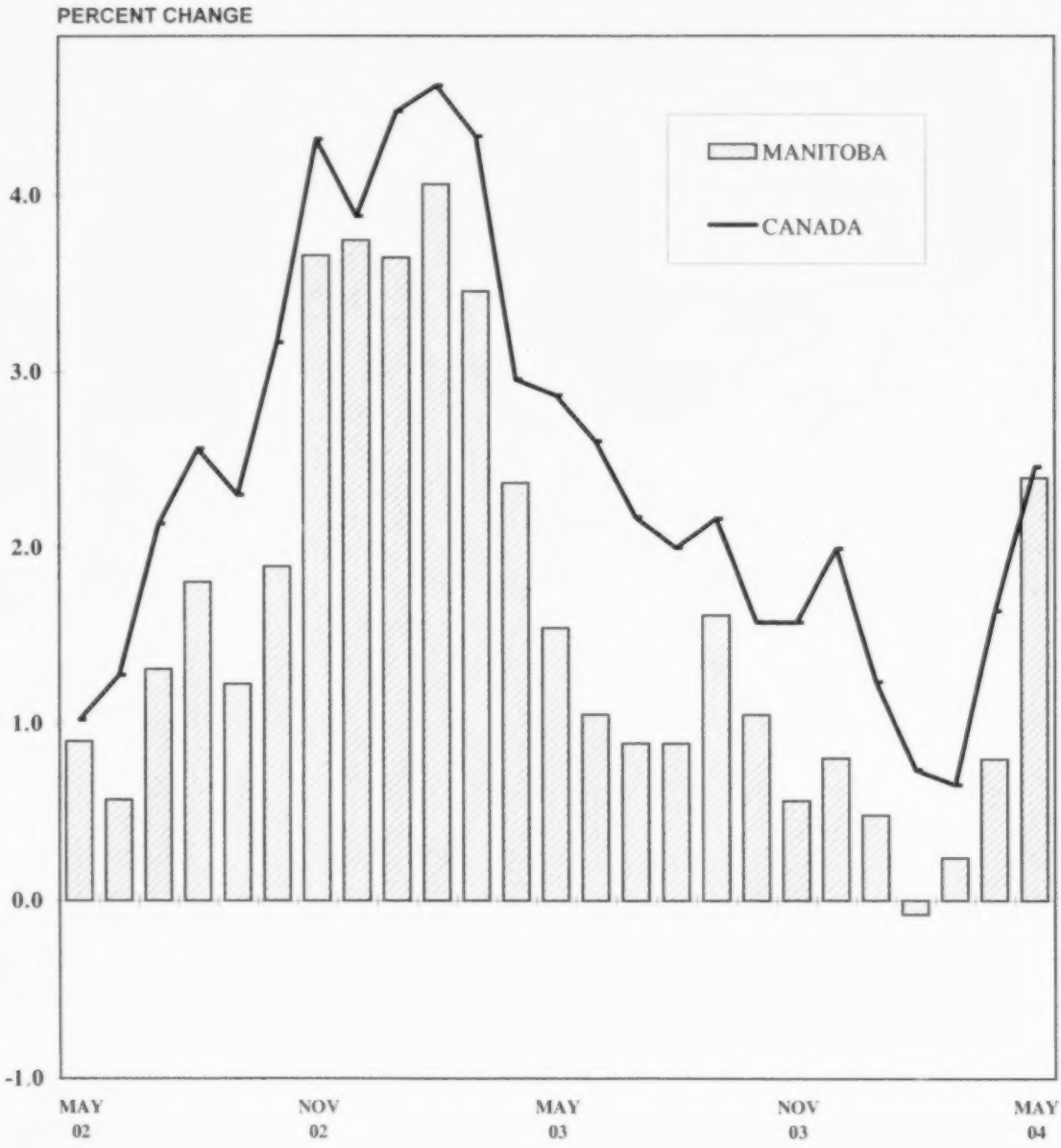

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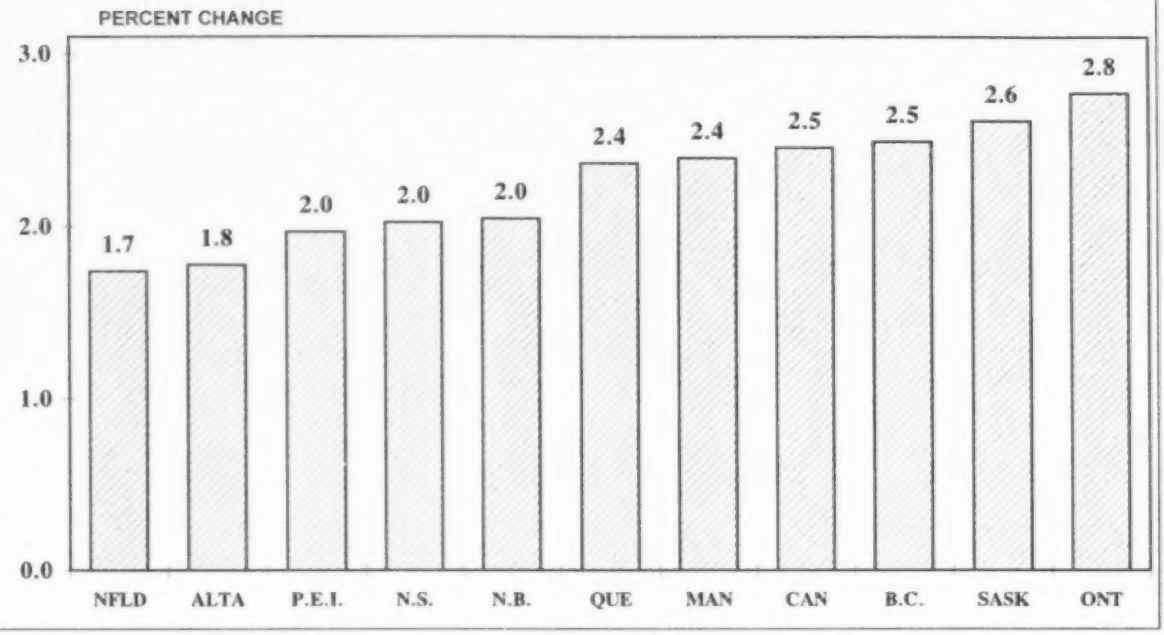

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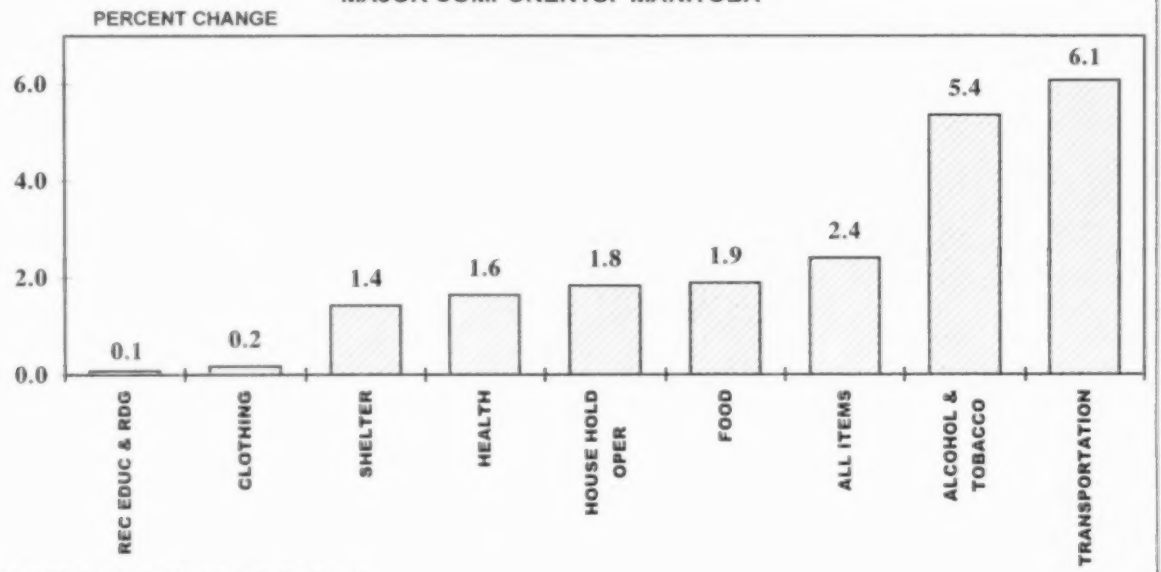

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MAY 2004

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	MAY 04	APR 04	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 03	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 04	APR 04	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	128.1	126.4	1.3	125.1	2.4	125.0	123.9	0.9	122.0	2.5
FOOD	129.2	127.8	1.1	126.8	1.9	124.4	123.4	0.8	122.8	1.3
SHELTER	121.3	120.8	0.4	119.6	1.4	119.8	119.6	0.2	117.1	2.3
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.2	122.4	-0.2	120.0	1.8	115.4	115.6	-0.2	114.5	0.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.3	115.5	-0.2	115.1	0.2	102.8	103.8	-1.0	103.4	-0.6
TRANSPORTATION	143.2	137.5	4.1	135.0	6.1	148.2	143.5	3.3	139.8	6.0
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	124.2	124.4	-0.2	122.2	1.6	119.0	119.0	0.0	117.1	1.6
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	126.7	125.7	0.8	126.6	0.1	128.4	127.1	1.0	127.2	0.9
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	151.4	146.9	3.1	143.7	5.4	143.4	142.2	0.8	136.2	5.3
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	127.9	126.2	1.3	124.7	2.6	125.1	124.0	0.9	121.9	2.6
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	125.1	124.6	0.4	123.8	1.1	122.0	121.7	0.2	120.4	1.3
ENERGY	154.2	140.7	9.6	132.9	16.0	156.2	146.2	6.8	134.4	16.2
GOODS	125.7	123.1	2.1	122.3	2.8	120.8	119.1	1.4	117.8	2.5
SERVICES	130.7	130.1	0.5	128.2	2.0	129.8	129.3	0.4	126.8	2.4

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MAY 2004

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	MAY 04	APR 04	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 03	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 04	APR 04	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	128.1	126.4	1.3	125.1	2.4	129.2	127.8	1.1	126.8	1.9
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	129.7	128.4	1.0	126.4	2.6	123.4	121.6	1.5	122.1	1.1
ALBERTA	131.7	130.6	0.8	129.4	1.8	123.4	122.1	1.1	123.3	0.1
BRITISH COLUMBIA	123.4	122.4	0.8	120.4	2.5	124.1	123.7	0.3	123.3	0.6
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	126.1	125.1	0.8	122.7	2.8	124.6	123.4	1.0	122.7	1.5
QUEBEC	121.1	119.9	1.0	118.3	2.4	126.5	125.2	1.0	123.8	2.2
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	124.6	123.5	0.9	122.1	2.0	122.0	121.9	0.1	121.4	0.5
NOVA SCOTIA	126.0	125.1	0.7	123.5	2.0	123.5	123.3	0.2	122.9	0.5
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	124.3	123.9	0.3	121.9	2.0	120.7	120.5	0.2	119.5	1.0
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	122.8	121.6	1.0	120.7	1.7	119.5	118.5	0.8	118.4	0.9
* MANITOBA RANK			10		7			9		9

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF MAY 2004)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.4	2.5	8.9	6.0	0.9	1.7
FOOD	1.9	1.3	5.8	3.3	1.5	1.5
SHELTER	1.4	2.3	2.0	2.7	1.5	2.7
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.8	0.8	-0.3	0.7	1.4	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.2	-0.6	6.1	-4.5	0.0	-1.2
TRANSPORTATION	6.1	6.0	30.4	19.0	-1.2	1.9
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.6	1.6	2.0	4.5	1.7	1.4
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.1	0.9	3.9	5.8	0.2	0.2
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	5.4	5.3	22.2	6.7	5.8	5.9
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.6	2.6	9.6	6.3	0.8	1.8
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.1	1.3	5.3	2.7	0.8	1.6
ENERGY	16.0	16.2	51.5	46.8	0.8	3.8
GOODS	2.8	2.5	13.1	9.1	0.2	0.6
SERVICES	2.0	2.4	4.7	3.1	1.6	2.8

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MAY 2004: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	MAY 04	APR 04	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	128.2	126.6	1.3	2.3	0.9
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	130.8	129.4	1.1	2.7	1.6
SASKATOON	128.8	127.5	1.0	2.5	1.4
CALGARY	132.7	131.6	0.8	2.0	1.8
EDMONTON	129.8	128.7	0.9	1.4	2.3
VANCOUVER	124.0	123.0	0.8	2.6	1.6
VICTORIA	123.2	122.2	0.8	2.8	1.8
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	124.3	123.3	0.8	2.2	1.4
TORONTO	126.8	125.7	0.9	2.8	2.2
OTTAWA	127.9	126.7	0.9	3.0	1.8
MONTREAL	121.0	120.0	0.8	2.3	1.5
QUEBEC	121.9	120.6	1.1	2.5	1.6
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	124.2	123.1	0.9	2.1	1.3
HALIFAX	125.0	124.1	0.7	2.0	1.5
CHARLOTTETOWN	123.3	122.9	0.3	1.9	1.6
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	122.7	121.6	0.9	1.7	1.4
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			16	9	1

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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	JUNE 04/JUNE 03	JUNE 04/ MAY 04
MANITOBA	2.9	0.3
CANADA	2.5	0.1

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.9% in June 2004 compared with June 2003, up from the May annual rate of 2.4%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in June was 2.5%, unchanged from its May rate of 2.5%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.9% in June was tied with Saskatchewan as highest among the provinces, while New Brunswick and Alberta tied for the lowest rate at 2.2%. The Winnipeg all items index was 2.8 in June, up from an annual rate of 2.3% in May.

Between June 2003 and June 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for recreational equipment and services, mortgage interest costs, traveller accommodation, home entertainment equipment and services, footwear, household appliances, as well as women's clothing. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for gasoline, food purchased from restaurants, replacement cost, cigarettes, furniture, other food preparations, and automobile insurance premiums.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.3% in June, after rising by 1.3% in May. Prices were lower last month for men's clothing, cigarettes, recreational equipment and services, home entertainment equipment and services, kitchen utensils, tableware and flatware, household appliances, and personal care supplies and equipment. These declines were offset by increases in other food preparations, traveller accommodation, purchase and leasing of vehicles, fresh vegetables, sugar and confectionery, pet food and supplies, as well as gasoline during the same time period. Overall, prices at the national level rose 0.1% in June, down from their May rate of 0.9%.

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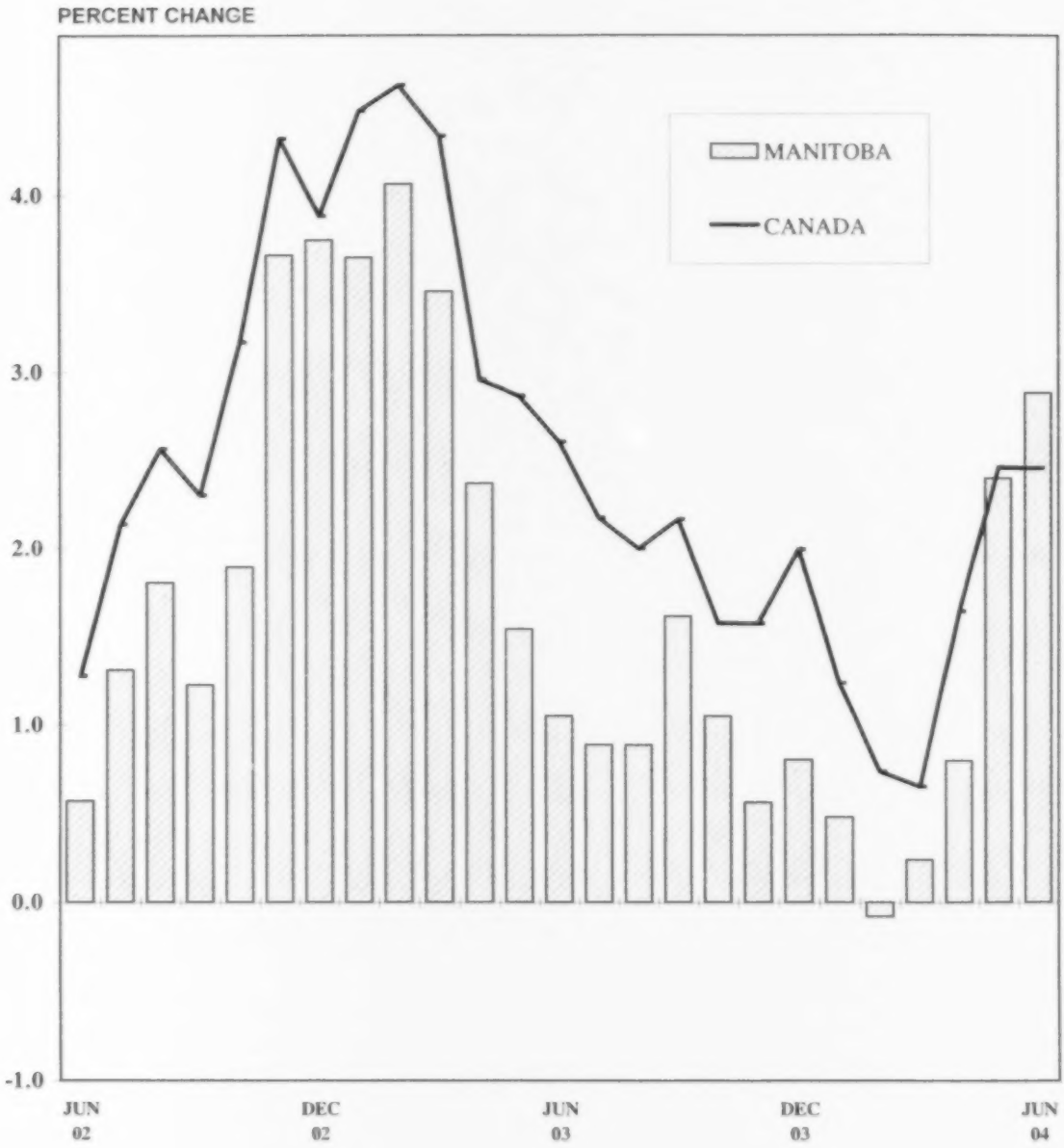

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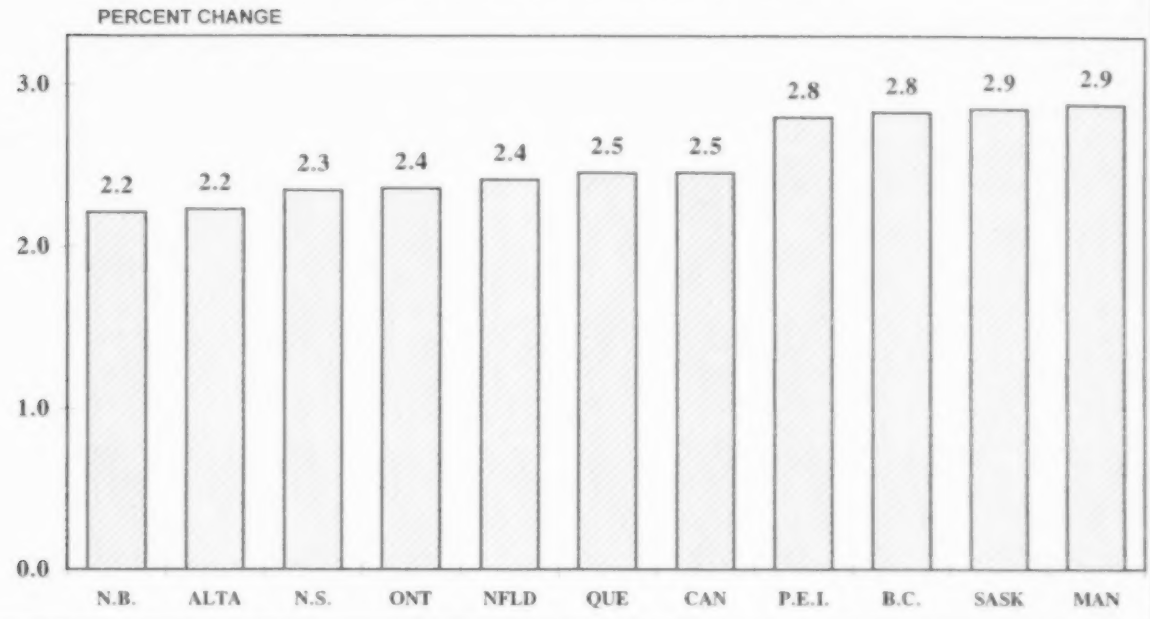

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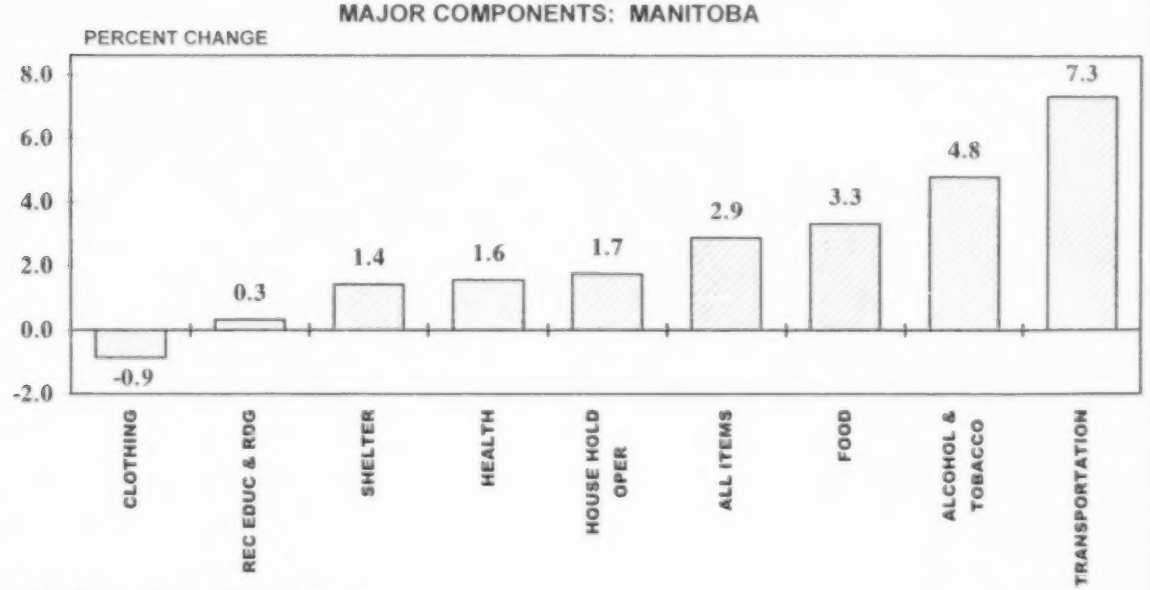

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JUNE 2004

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	JUN 04	MAY 04	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 04	MAY 04	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	128.5	128.1	0.3	124.9	2.9	125.1	125.0	0.1	122.1	2.5
FOOD	130.9	129.2	1.3	126.7	3.3	125.6	124.4	1.0	123.2	1.9
SHELTER	121.4	121.3	0.1	119.7	1.4	120.3	119.8	0.4	117.7	2.2
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.5	122.2	0.2	120.4	1.7	115.0	115.4	-0.3	114.5	0.4
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	114.6	115.3	-0.6	115.6	-0.9	101.9	102.8	-0.9	101.0	0.9
TRANSPORTATION	143.6	143.2	0.3	133.8	7.3	147.1	148.2	-0.7	139.5	5.4
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	123.9	124.2	-0.2	122.0	1.6	119.1	119.0	0.1	116.8	2.0
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	126.7	126.7	0.0	126.3	0.3	128.5	128.4	0.1	127.6	0.7
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	150.9	151.4	-0.3	144.0	4.8	144.0	143.4	0.4	136.4	5.6
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	127.9	127.9	0.0	124.6	2.6	125.0	125.1	-0.1	121.9	2.5
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	125.2	125.1	0.1	123.6	1.3	122.0	122.0	0.0	120.2	1.5
ENERGY	154.6	154.2	0.3	132.7	16.5	154.8	156.2	-0.9	137.0	13.0
GOODS	126.1	125.7	0.3	121.7	3.6	120.7	120.8	-0.1	117.5	2.7
SERVICES	131.0	130.7	0.2	128.4	2.0	130.0	129.8	0.2	127.1	2.3

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JUNE 2004

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	JUN 04	MAY 04	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 04	MAY 04	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	128.5	128.1	0.3	124.9	2.9	130.9	129.2	1.3	126.7	3.3
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	129.9	129.7	0.2	126.3	2.9	125.1	123.4	1.4	121.6	2.9
ALBERTA	133.0	131.7	1.0	130.1	2.2	124.7	123.4	1.1	123.2	1.2
BRITISH COLUMBIA	123.6	123.4	0.2	120.2	2.8	125.5	124.1	1.1	123.3	1.8
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	125.8	126.1	-0.2	122.9	2.4	125.3	124.6	0.6	123.3	1.6
QUEBEC	121.0	121.1	-0.1	118.1	2.5	128.0	126.5	1.2	124.5	2.8
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	124.8	124.6	0.2	122.1	2.2	123.5	122.0	1.2	120.8	2.2
NOVA SCOTIA	126.5	126.0	0.4	123.6	2.3	125.1	123.5	1.3	123.3	1.5
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	124.9	124.3	0.5	121.5	2.8	121.7	120.7	0.8	119.4	1.9
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	123.2	122.8	0.3	120.3	2.4	119.9	119.5	0.3	117.9	1.7
* MANITOBA RANK			6		10			9		10

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF JUNE 2004)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.9	2.5	8.2	4.9	1.0	1.7
FOOD	3.3	1.9	10.1	6.6	1.7	1.5
SHELTER	1.4	2.2	2.7	4.4	1.5	2.6
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.7	0.4	0.7	-1.0	1.5	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-0.9	0.9	-7.0	-12.3	-0.1	-0.9
TRANSPORTATION	7.3	5.4	26.1	12.6	-0.6	2.0
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.6	2.0	1.3	2.7	1.7	1.5
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.3	0.7	3.2	3.8	0.1	0.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	4.8	5.6	17.6	7.9	5.5	5.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.6	2.5	7.5	4.3	0.9	1.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.3	1.5	3.9	1.3	0.8	1.5
ENERGY	16.5	13.0	47.0	36.2	2.3	4.3
GOODS	3.6	2.7	11.6	6.6	0.4	0.7
SERVICES	2.0	2.3	4.4	3.1	1.6	2.7

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JUNE 2004: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	JUN 04	MAY 04	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	128.6	128.2	0.3	2.8	1.0
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	130.9	130.8	0.1	2.8	1.7
SASKATOON	128.8	128.8	0.0	2.5	1.5
CALGARY	133.9	132.7	0.9	2.4	1.7
EDMONTON	131.2	129.8	1.1	1.9	2.0
VANCOUVER	124.1	124.0	0.1	2.7	1.7
VICTORIA	123.5	123.2	0.2	3.2	1.9
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	123.9	124.3	-0.3	1.7	1.3
TORONTO	126.5	126.8	-0.2	2.3	2.2
OTTAWA	127.5	127.9	-0.3	2.5	1.9
MONTREAL	121.0	121.0	0.0	2.5	1.5
QUEBEC	121.8	121.9	-0.1	2.5	1.6
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	124.4	124.2	0.2	2.3	1.3
HALIFAX	125.4	125.0	0.3	2.3	1.5
CHARLOTTETOWN	123.8	123.3	0.4	2.7	1.6
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	123.1	122.7	0.3	2.4	1.4
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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	JULY 04/JULY 03	JULY 04/ JUNE 04
MANITOBA	2.7	-0.2
CANADA	2.3	-0.1

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.7% in July 2004 compared with July 2003, down from the June annual rate of 2.9%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in July was 2.3%, down from its June rate of 2.5%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Saskatchewan's annual inflation rate of 2.8% in July was highest among the provinces, while New Brunswick recorded the lowest rate at 1.8%. The Winnipeg all items index was 2.6 in July, down from an annual rate of 2.8% in June.

Between July 2003 and July 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for recreational equipment and services, women's clothing, non-alcoholic beverages, men's clothing, home entertainment equipment and services, household appliances, as well as sugar and confectionery. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for gasoline, food purchased from restaurants, purchase and leasing of automobiles, vehicle registration fees, replacement cost, cigarettes, and furniture.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index fell 0.2% in July, after rising by 0.3% in June. Prices were lower last month for gasoline, other food preparations, fresh vegetables, non-alcoholic beverages, women's clothing, fresh fruit, and prescribed medicines. These declines were somewhat offset by increases in vehicle registration fees, replacement cost, homeowners' insurance premiums, cigarettes, fresh or frozen beef, inter-city transportation as well as preserved fruit and fruit preparations during the same time period. Overall, prices at the national level fell 0.1% in July, down from their June rate of 0.1%.

Note: Statistics Canada has determined that the proportion of household spending assigned to mortgage interest cost in the CPI was too high. The CPI inadvertently included some regular mortgage principal payments with mortgage interest payments.

Effective with the July 2004 CPI release, weights in the CPI basket for mortgage interest cost have been reduced and those of all other components of the CPI basket have increased proportionally.

To determine the impact of the weighting adjustment, Statistics Canada has calculated indexes using the adjusted weights for the period from January 2003, the month when the 2001 basket weights were implemented, up to June 2004. The following table summarizes changes to the Manitoba All Items and Shelter indices.

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Manitoba All Items												
2003	125.0	125.5	125.7	125.4	125.1	124.9	124.9	125.2	125.9	125.1	125.3	125.6
2004	125.6	125.4	126.0	126.4	128.1	128.5						
Manitoba All Items Adjusted												
2003	125.0	125.6	125.7	125.4	125.1	124.9	124.9	125.2	125.9	125.1	125.3	125.6
2004	125.6	125.4	126.0	126.5	128.2	128.6						
Manitoba All Items Difference												
2003	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2004	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1						
Manitoba All Items Difference: Annual % Change												
2003	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2004	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1						
Manitoba Shelter												
2003	118.5	119.3	119.7	120.0	119.6	119.7	119.7	120.2	120.1	120.5	120.3	120.3
2004	120.6	120.7	120.6	120.8	121.3	121.4						
Manitoba Shelter Adjusted												
2003	118.5	119.4	119.9	120.1	119.7	119.8	119.8	120.4	120.3	120.7	120.5	120.5
2004	120.9	120.9	120.9	121.1	121.7	121.9						
Manitoba Shelter Difference												
2003	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
2004	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5						
Manitoba Shelter Difference: Annual % Change												
2003	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
2004	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4						

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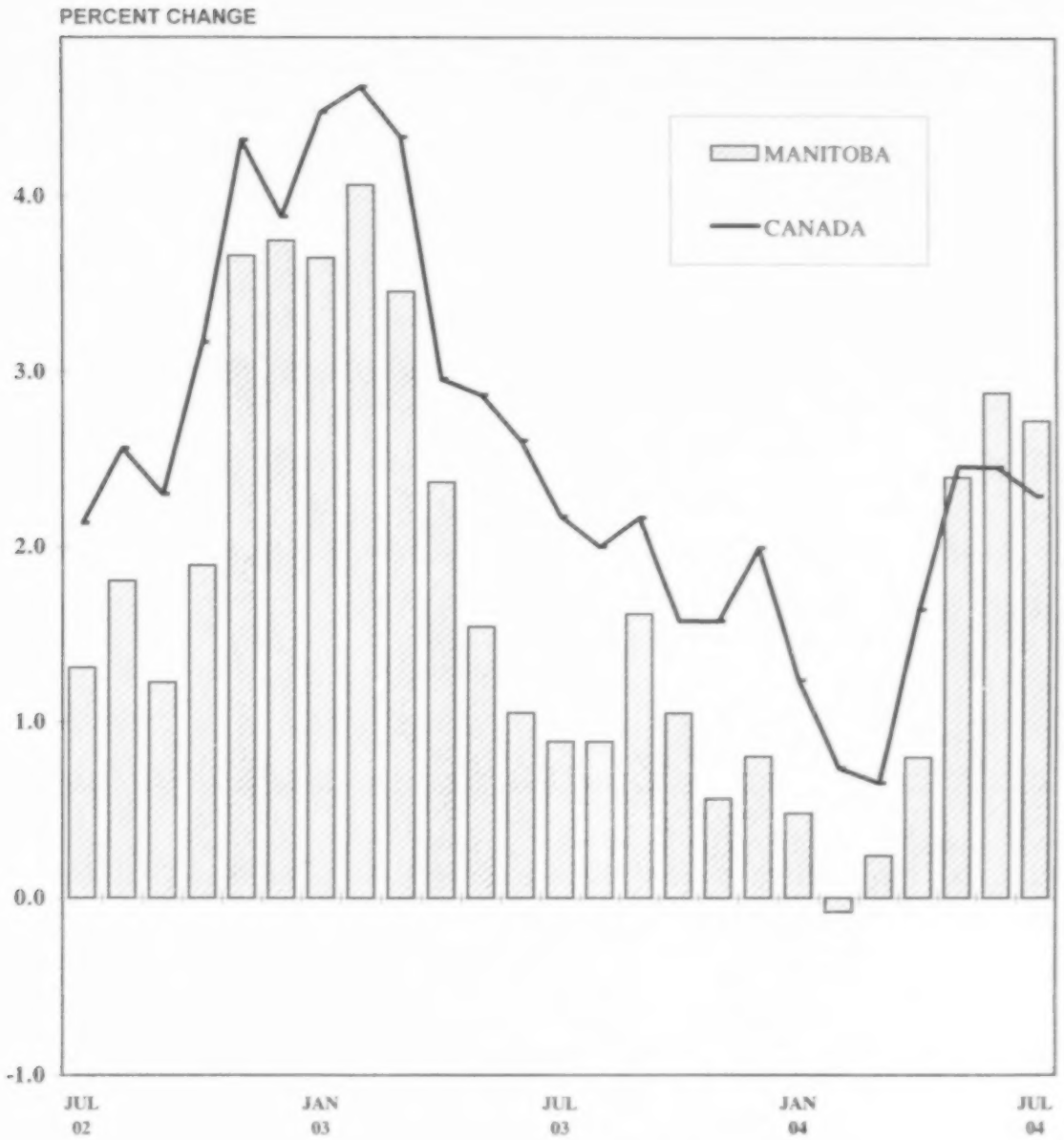

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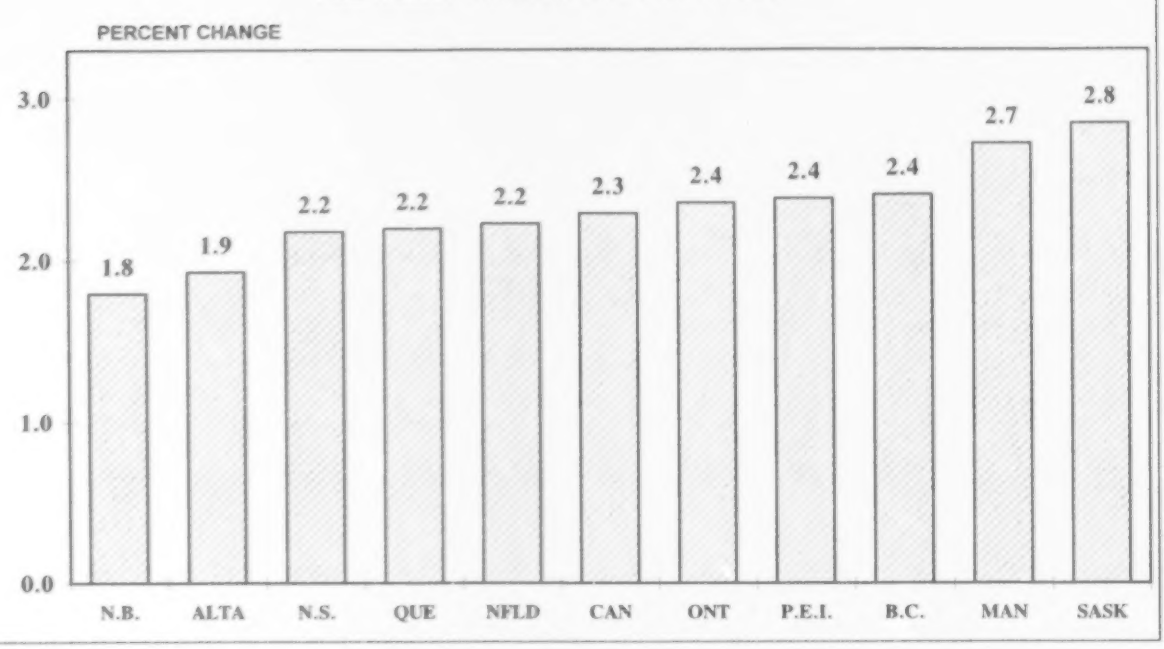

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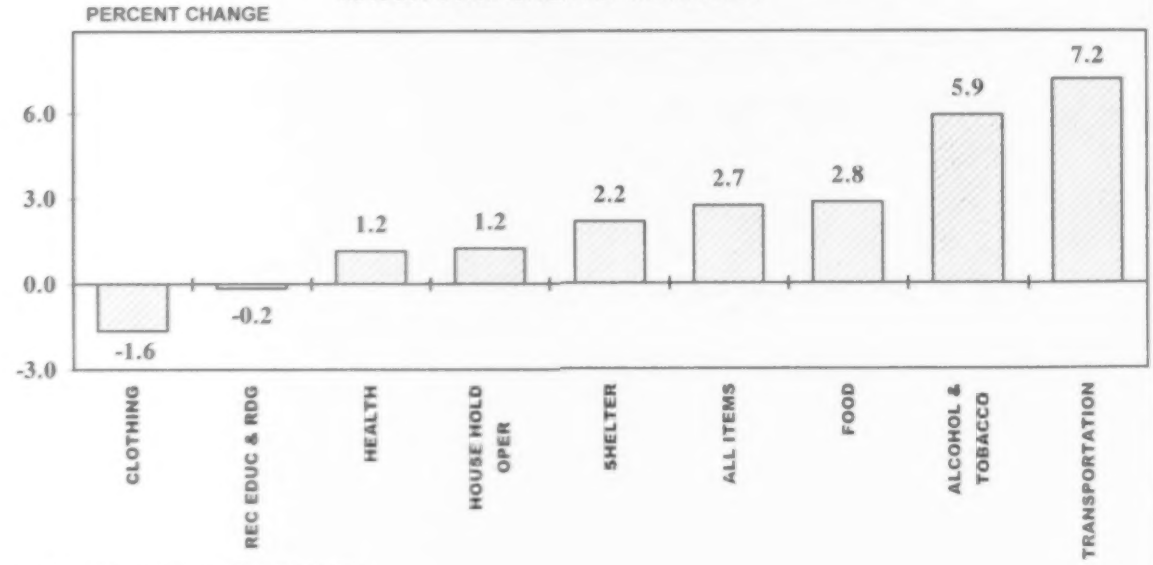

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JULY 2004

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	JUL 04	JUN 04	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 04	JUN 04	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	128.3	128.5	-0.2	124.9	2.7	125.0	125.1	-0.1	122.2	2.3
FOOD	130.0	130.9	-0.7	126.4	2.8	125.6	125.6	0.0	123.2	1.9
SHELTER	122.3	121.4	0.7	119.7	2.2	120.6	120.3	0.2	117.6	2.6
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.3	122.5	-0.2	120.8	1.2	114.9	115.0	-0.1	114.6	0.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	113.5	114.6	-1.0	115.4	-1.6	100.9	101.9	-1.0	101.6	-0.7
TRANSPORTATION	143.0	143.6	-0.4	133.4	7.2	146.2	147.1	-0.6	139.9	4.5
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	123.1	123.9	-0.6	121.7	1.2	119.2	119.1	0.1	116.9	2.0
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	126.6	126.7	-0.1	126.8	-0.2	128.9	128.5	0.3	127.9	0.8
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	152.0	150.9	0.7	143.5	5.9	144.2	144.0	0.1	136.6	5.6
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	128.0	127.9	0.1	124.6	2.7	124.9	125.0	-0.1	122.0	2.4
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	125.8	125.2	0.5	123.4	1.9	122.2	122.0	0.2	120.3	1.6
ENERGY	149.1	154.6	-3.6	135.2	10.3	152.3	154.8	-1.6	137.6	10.7
GOODS	124.9	126.1	-1.0	121.4	2.9	120.2	120.7	-0.4	117.5	2.3
SERVICES	132.1	131.0	0.8	128.7	2.6	130.4	130.0	0.3	127.4	2.4

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	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	JUL 04	JUN 04	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 04	JUN 04	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	128.3	128.5	-0.2	124.9	2.7	130.0	130.9	-0.7	126.4	2.8
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	130.1	129.9	0.2	126.5	2.8	124.6	125.1	-0.4	121.3	2.7
ALBERTA	132.1	133.0	-0.7	129.6	1.9	124.3	124.7	-0.3	122.0	1.9
BRITISH COLUMBIA	123.4	123.6	-0.2	120.5	2.4	124.7	125.5	-0.6	123.3	1.1
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	126.0	125.8	0.2	123.1	2.4	125.9	125.3	0.5	123.7	1.8
QUEBEC	120.9	121.0	-0.1	118.3	2.2	127.5	128.0	-0.4	124.3	2.6
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	124.8	124.8	0.0	122.6	1.8	124.0	123.5	0.4	122.0	1.6
NOVA SCOTIA	126.7	126.5	0.2	124.0	2.2	126.0	125.1	0.7	123.6	1.9
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	124.6	124.9	-0.2	121.7	2.4	123.0	121.7	1.1	120.4	2.2
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	123.9	123.2	0.6	121.2	2.2	120.7	119.9	0.7	119.0	1.4
* MANITOBA RANK			4		9			1		10

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	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.7	2.3	6.1	3.6	1.2	1.7
FOOD	2.8	1.9	7.1	7.3	1.8	1.5
SHELTER	2.2	2.6	5.1	3.4	1.6	2.5
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.2	0.3	-0.3	-2.4	1.5	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-1.6	-0.7	-6.7	-10.7	-0.3	-0.6
TRANSPORTATION	7.2	4.5	17.0	7.7	0.2	2.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.2	2.0	-4.1	0.7	1.7	1.6
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-0.2	0.8	2.9	5.8	0.1	0.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	5.9	5.6	14.6	5.7	5.4	5.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.7	2.4	5.8	2.9	1.1	1.8
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.9	1.6	3.9	1.7	0.9	1.5
ENERGY	10.3	10.7	26.1	17.8	3.2	4.6
GOODS	2.9	2.3	6.0	3.7	0.7	0.8
SERVICES	2.6	2.4	6.3	3.4	1.7	2.7

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REGINA	131.1	130.9	0.2	2.9	1.8
SASKATOON	129.0	128.8	0.2	2.6	1.6
CALGARY	133.1	133.9	-0.6	2.5	1.7
EDMONTON	130.4	131.2	-0.6	1.5	1.6
VANCOUVER	123.9	124.1	-0.2	2.5	1.8
VICTORIA	123.3	123.5	-0.2	2.7	2.0
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	124.0	123.9	0.1	1.9	1.4
TORONTO	126.5	126.5	0.0	2.0	2.1
OTTAWA	127.7	127.5	0.2	2.3	1.9
MONTREAL	120.8	121.0	-0.2	2.1	1.5
QUEBEC	121.6	121.8	-0.2	2.2	1.6
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	124.4	124.4	0.0	1.9	1.2
HALIFAX	125.6	125.4	0.2	2.1	1.4
CHARLOTTETOWN	123.6	123.8	-0.2	2.2	1.6
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	123.8	123.1	0.6	2.2	1.4
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	AUGUST 04/AUGUST 03	AUGUST 04/ JULY 04
MANITOBA	2.6	0.1
CANADA	1.9	-0.2

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.6% in August 2004 compared with August 2003, down from the July annual rate of 2.7%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in August was 1.9%, down from its July rate of 2.3%.

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Manitoba's and Prince Edward Island's annual inflation rate of 2.6% in August were the highest among the provinces, while Ontario recorded the lowest rate at 1.5%. The Winnipeg all items index was 2.5 in August, down from an annual rate of 2.6% in July.

Between August 2003 and August 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for recreational equipment and services, women's clothing, non-alcoholic beverages, traveller accommodation, fresh vegetables, home entertainment equipment and services, as well as children's clothing. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for gasoline, food purchased from restaurants, fresh or frozen beef, vehicle registration fees, replacement cost, cigarettes, and furniture.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.1% in August, after falling by 0.2% in July. Prices were lower last month for purchase and leasing of vehicles, fresh vegetables, other food preparations, recreational equipment and services, children's clothing, traveller accommodation, and preserved fruit and fruit preparations. These declines were offset by increases in electricity, natural gas, men's clothing, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, food purchased from restaurants, personal care supplies and equipment, as well as fresh or frozen pork during the same time period. Overall, prices at the national level fell 0.2% in August, down from their July rate of -0.1%.

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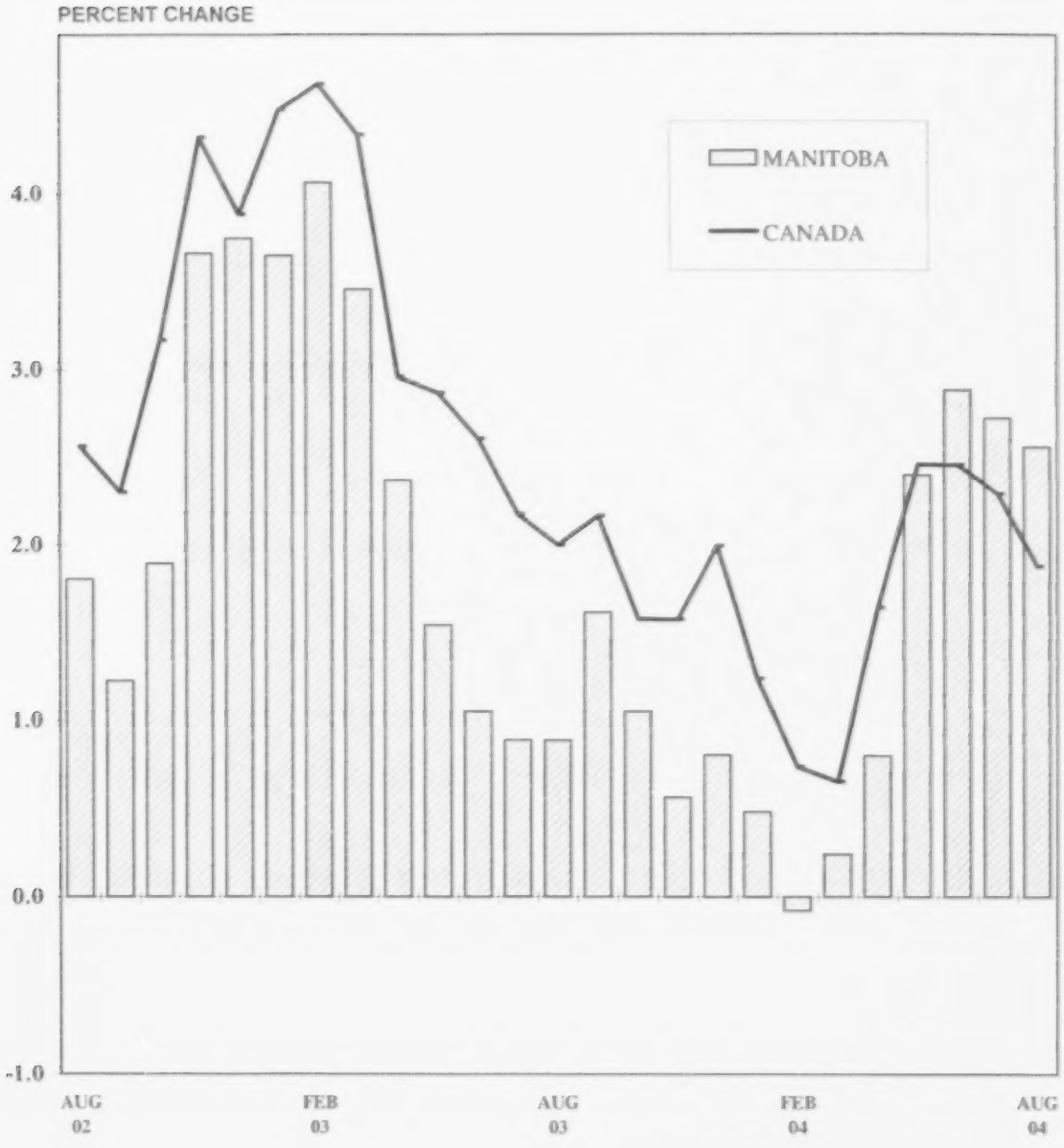

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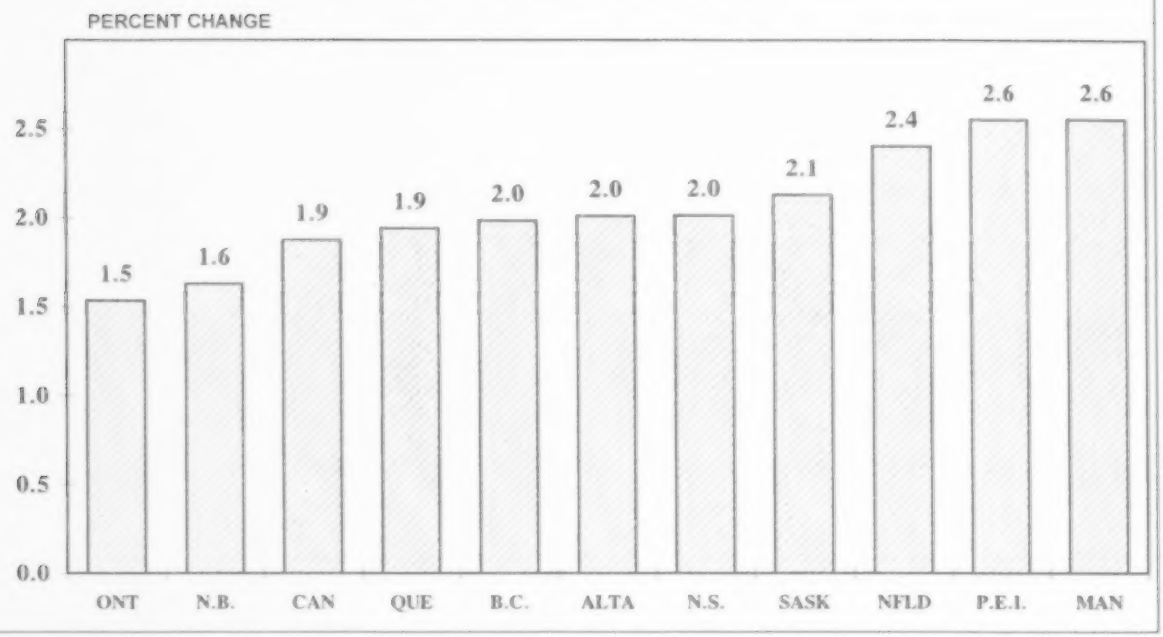

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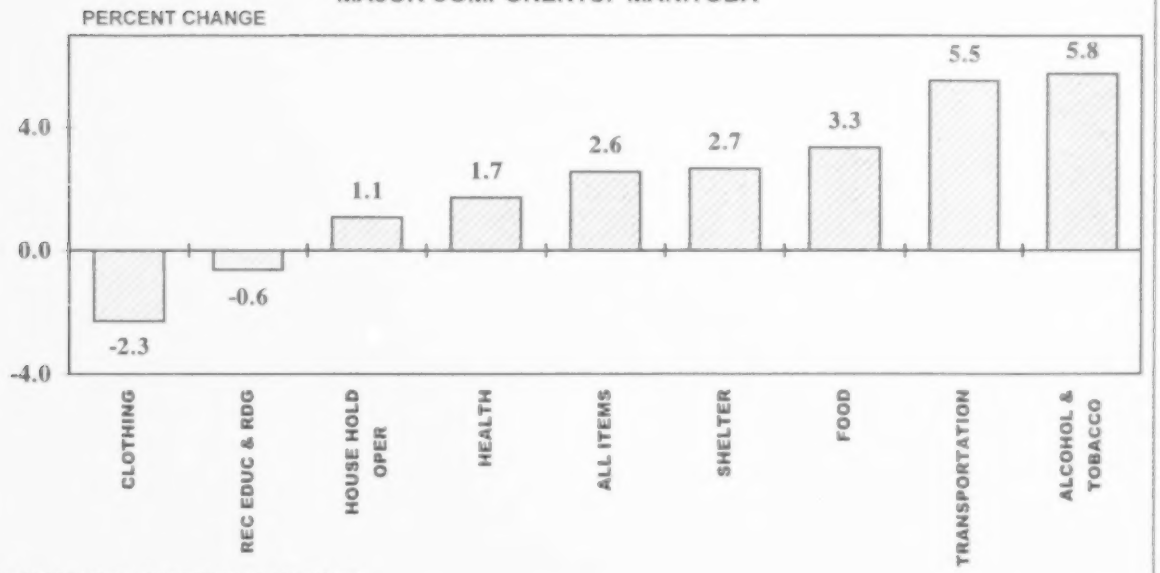

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR AUGUST 2004

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	AUG 04	JUL 04	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 03	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 04	JUL 04	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	128.4	128.3	0.1	125.2	2.6	124.8	125.0	-0.2	122.5	1.9
FOOD	130.0	130.0	0.0	125.8	3.3	125.3	125.6	-0.2	122.1	2.6
SHELTER	123.4	122.3	0.9	120.2	2.7	120.9	120.6	0.2	117.7	2.7
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.3	122.3	0.0	121.0	1.1	115.0	114.9	0.1	114.7	0.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.1	113.5	1.4	117.8	-2.3	101.8	100.9	0.9	101.8	0.0
TRANSPORTATION	141.3	143.0	-1.2	133.9	5.5	144.7	146.2	-1.0	142.4	1.6
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	124.2	123.1	0.9	122.1	1.7	118.8	119.2	-0.3	117.4	1.2
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	126.2	126.6	-0.3	127.0	-0.6	128.6	128.9	-0.2	128.0	0.5
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	152.5	152.0	0.3	144.2	5.8	144.7	144.2	0.3	137.1	5.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	128.1	128.0	0.1	125.1	2.4	124.7	124.9	-0.2	122.7	1.6
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	125.6	125.8	-0.2	123.6	1.6	121.9	122.2	-0.2	120.5	1.2
ENERGY	151.7	149.1	1.7	139.1	9.1	152.4	152.3	0.1	143.5	6.2
GOODS	124.9	124.9	0.0	122.0	2.4	119.7	120.2	-0.4	117.9	1.5
SERVICES	132.3	132.1	0.2	128.7	2.8	130.5	130.4	0.1	127.7	2.2

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR AUGUST 2004

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	AUG 04	JUL 04	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 03	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 04	JUL 04	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	128.4	128.3	0.1	125.2	2.6	130.0	130.0	0.0	125.8	3.3
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	129.5	130.1	-0.5	126.8	2.1	123.5	124.6	-0.9	120.7	2.3
ALBERTA	131.9	132.1	-0.2	129.3	2.0	124.1	124.3	-0.2	121.7	2.0
BRITISH COLUMBIA	123.3	123.4	-0.1	120.9	2.0	124.3	124.7	-0.3	123.3	0.8
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	125.7	126.0	-0.2	123.8	1.5	125.5	125.9	-0.3	122.6	2.4
QUEBEC	120.7	120.9	-0.2	118.4	1.9	127.2	127.5	-0.2	122.2	4.1
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	124.7	124.8	-0.1	122.7	1.6	124.4	124.0	0.3	121.3	2.6
NOVA SCOTIA	126.6	126.7	-0.1	124.1	2.0	126.4	126.0	0.3	122.8	2.9
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	124.6	124.6	0.0	121.5	2.6	124.1	123.0	0.9	119.8	3.6
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	123.6	123.9	-0.2	120.7	2.4	120.6	120.7	-0.1	118.2	2.0
* MANITOBA RANK			10		10			7		8

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF AUGUST 2004)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.6	1.9	0.9	-0.6	1.3	1.7
FOOD	3.3	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.0	1.6
SHELTER	2.7	2.7	7.1	3.7	1.6	2.4
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.1	0.3	0.3	-1.4	1.5	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-2.3	0.0	-0.7	-3.8	-0.6	-0.4
TRANSPORTATION	5.5	1.6	-5.2	-9.1	0.8	1.9
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.7	1.2	0.0	-0.7	1.7	1.6
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-0.6	0.5	-1.6	0.6	-0.1	0.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	5.8	5.5	2.9	3.7	5.4	5.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.4	1.6	0.6	-1.3	1.2	1.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.6	1.2	1.6	-0.3	0.9	1.5
ENERGY	9.1	6.2	-6.3	-9.4	3.8	4.5
GOODS	2.4	1.5	-2.5	-3.6	0.8	0.8
SERVICES	2.8	2.2	5.0	2.2	1.8	2.6

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR AUGUST 2004: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	AUG 04	JUL 04	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	128.5	128.4	0.1	2.5	1.3
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	130.6	131.1	-0.4	2.2	1.8
SASKATOON	128.6	129.0	-0.3	2.0	1.6
CALGARY	132.8	133.1	-0.2	2.4	1.6
EDMONTON	130.2	130.4	-0.2	1.6	1.3
VANCOUVER	124.0	123.9	0.1	2.1	1.8
VICTORIA	123.3	123.3	0.0	2.3	2.0
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	123.7	124.0	-0.2	1.0	1.4
TORONTO	126.2	126.5	-0.2	1.3	2.1
OTTAWA	127.4	127.7	-0.2	1.6	1.9
MONTREAL	120.8	120.8	0.0	2.0	1.6
QUEBEC	121.5	121.6	-0.1	2.0	1.6
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	124.3	124.4	-0.1	1.7	1.2
HALIFAX	125.6	125.6	0.0	2.0	1.4
CHARLOTTETOWN	123.6	123.6	0.0	2.5	1.6
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	123.4	123.8	-0.3	2.2	1.4
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			15	15	2

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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	SEPTEMBER 04/SEPTEMBER 03	SEPTEMBER 04/ AUGUST 04
MANITOBA	1.8	-0.2
CANADA	1.8	0.1

The Manitoba all items index rose 1.8% in September 2004 compared with September 2003, down from the August annual rate of 2.6%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in September was 1.8%, down from its August rate of 1.9%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Prince Edward Island's annual inflation rate of 2.5% in September was the highest among the provinces, while New Brunswick recorded the lowest rate at 1.4%. The Winnipeg all items index was 1.7 in September, down from an annual rate of 2.5% in August.

Between September 2003 and September 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for recreational equipment and services, women's clothing, home entertainment equipment and services, non-alcoholic beverages, men's clothing, children's clothing, as well as household textiles. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for gasoline, food purchased from restaurants, vehicle registration fees, replacement cost, fresh or frozen beef, homeowners' insurance premiums and cigarettes.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index fell 0.2% in September, after rising by 0.1% in August. Prices were lower last month for gasoline, purchase and leasing of vehicles, cigarettes, inter-city transportation, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, fresh or frozen chicken, as well as home entertainment equipment and services. These declines were somewhat offset by increases in women's clothing, other food preparations, fresh vegetables, reading material and other printed matter, household appliances, fuel oil and other fuel, as well as processed meat during the same time period. Overall, prices at the national level rose 0.1% in September, up from their August rate of -0.2%.

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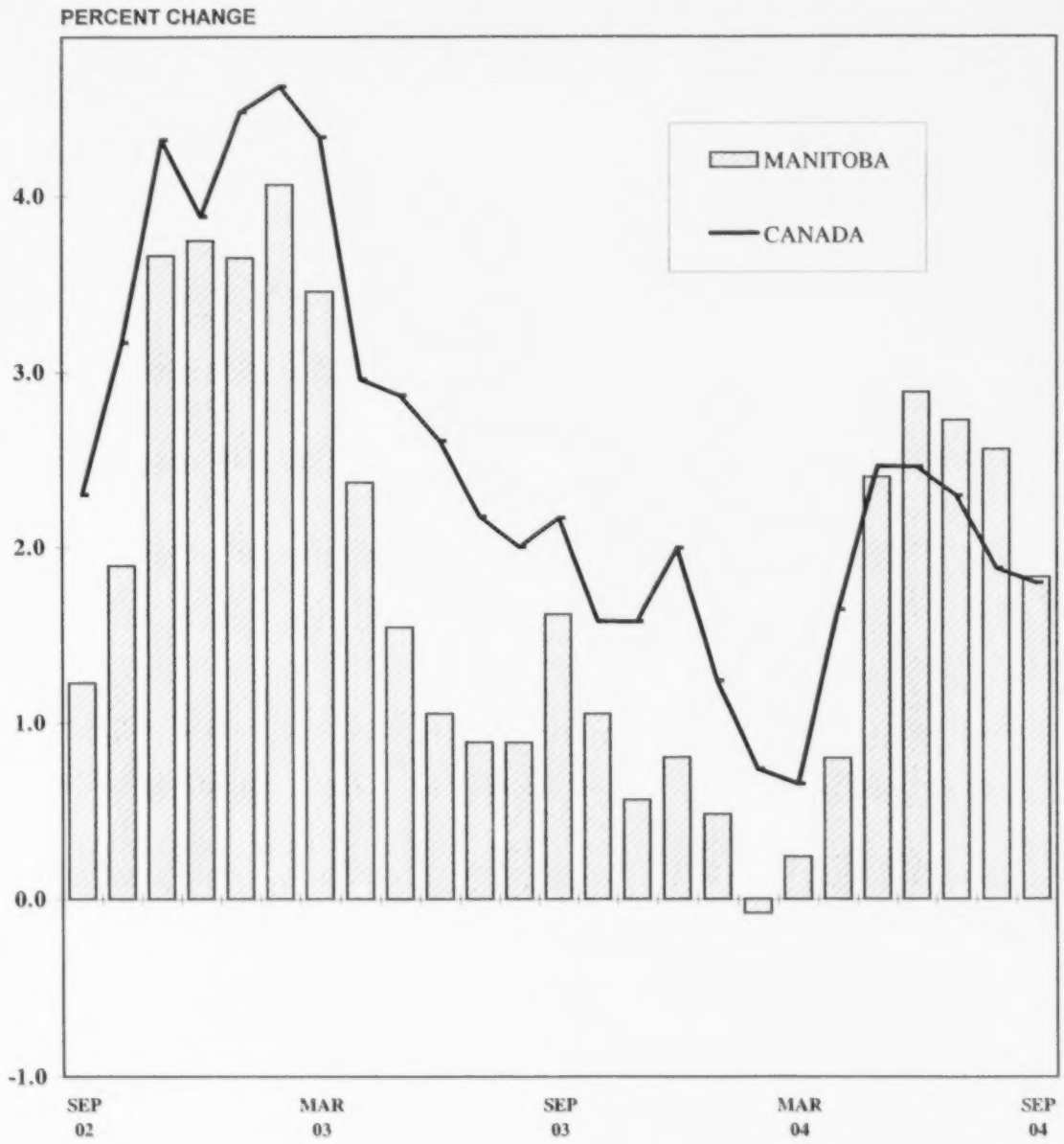

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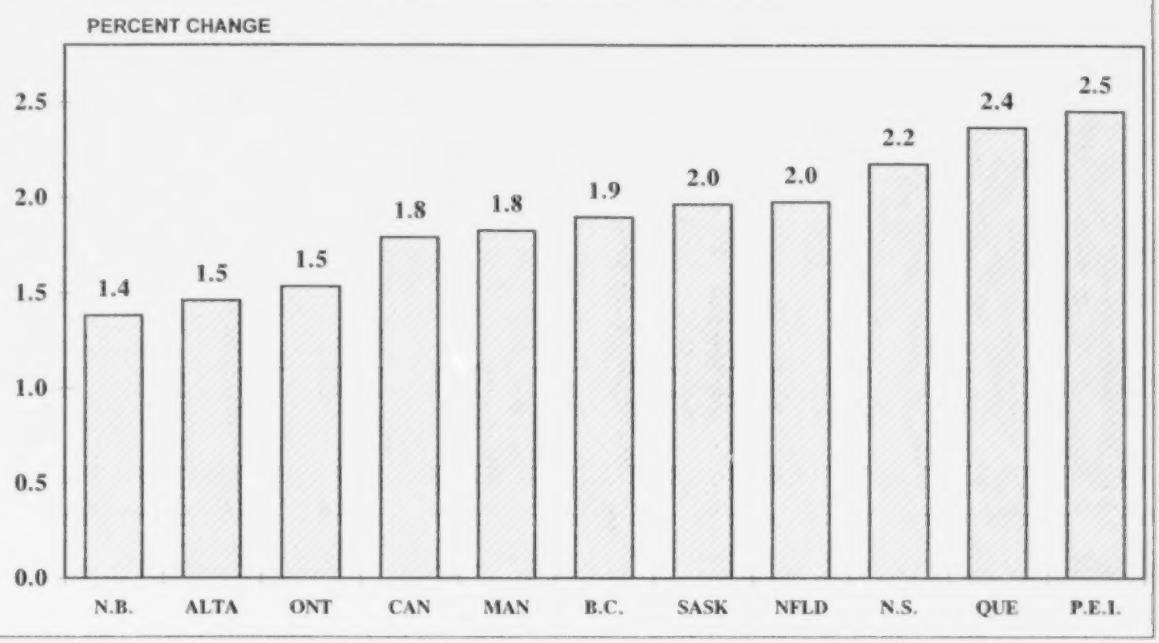

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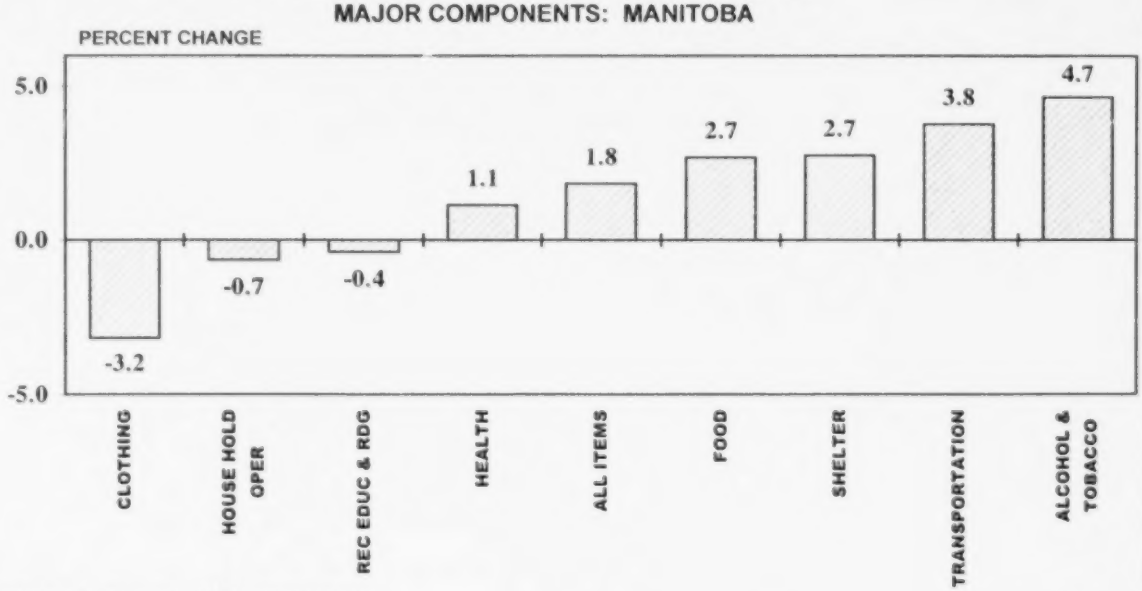

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(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	SEP 04	AUG 04	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 03	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 04	AUG 04	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	128.2	128.4	-0.2	125.9	1.8	124.9	124.8	0.1	122.7	1.8
FOOD	130.0	130.0	0.0	126.6	2.7	124.7	125.3	-0.5	121.3	2.8
SHELTER	123.4	123.4	0.0	120.1	2.7	121.2	120.9	0.2	117.9	2.8
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.1	122.3	-0.2	122.9	-0.7	115.4	115.0	0.3	115.1	0.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.8	115.1	0.6	119.6	-3.2	104.9	101.8	3.0	105.0	-0.1
TRANSPORTATION	140.3	141.3	-0.7	135.2	3.8	143.7	144.7	-0.7	141.9	1.3
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	124.1	124.2	-0.1	122.7	1.1	119.2	118.8	0.3	117.6	1.4
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	126.3	126.2	0.1	126.8	-0.4	129.4	128.6	0.6	128.9	0.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	150.7	152.5	-1.2	144.0	4.7	144.6	144.7	-0.1	137.1	5.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	127.8	128.1	-0.2	125.8	1.6	125.0	124.7	0.2	123.1	1.5
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	125.3	125.6	-0.2	123.9	1.1	122.3	121.9	0.3	120.9	1.2
ENERGY	151.1	151.7	-0.4	143.8	5.1	151.7	152.4	-0.5	143.4	5.8
GOODS	124.6	124.9	-0.2	123.4	1.0	119.7	119.7	0.0	117.9	1.5
SERVICES	132.1	132.3	-0.2	128.7	2.6	130.8	130.5	0.2	128.1	2.1

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2004

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	SEP 04	AUG 04	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 03	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 04	AUG 04	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	128.2	128.4	-0.2	125.9	1.8	130.0	130.0	0.0	126.6	2.7
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	129.7	129.5	0.2	127.2	2.0	123.7	123.5	0.2	120.8	2.4
ALBERTA	132.0	131.9	0.1	130.1	1.5	124.4	124.1	0.2	121.4	2.5
BRITISH COLUMBIA	123.5	123.3	0.2	121.2	1.9	123.6	124.3	-0.6	122.4	1.0
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	125.8	125.7	0.1	123.9	1.5	124.7	125.5	-0.6	121.3	2.8
QUEBEC	121.0	120.7	0.2	118.2	2.4	126.4	127.2	-0.6	121.5	4.0
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	124.7	124.7	0.0	123.0	1.4	123.6	124.4	-0.6	120.7	2.4
NOVA SCOTIA	126.8	126.6	0.2	124.1	2.2	126.5	126.4	0.1	121.8	3.9
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	125.2	124.6	0.5	122.2	2.5	122.9	124.1	-1.0	119.1	3.2
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	123.8	123.6	0.2	121.4	2.0	120.7	120.6	0.1	117.6	2.6
* MANITOBA RANK			1		4			6		6

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF SEPTEMBER 2004)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	1.8	1.8	-0.9	-0.6	1.4	1.7
FOOD	2.7	2.8	-2.7	-2.8	2.0	1.7
SHELTER	2.7	2.8	6.8	3.0	1.7	2.4
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	-0.7	0.3	-1.3	1.4	1.2	0.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-3.2	-0.1	4.3	12.3	-0.9	-0.2
TRANSPORTATION	3.8	1.3	-8.9	-8.9	1.1	1.7
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.1	1.4	0.6	0.3	1.7	1.5
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-0.4	0.4	-1.3	2.8	-0.2	0.5
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	4.7	5.5	-0.5	1.7	5.2	5.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	1.6	1.5	-0.3	0.0	1.2	1.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.1	1.2	0.3	1.0	0.9	1.4
ENERGY	5.1	5.8	-8.8	-7.8	3.8	4.5
GOODS	1.0	1.5	-4.7	-3.3	0.8	0.9
SERVICES	2.6	2.1	3.4	2.5	1.9	2.5

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2004: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	SEP 04	AUG 04	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	128.2	128.5	-0.2	1.7	1.3
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	130.8	130.6	0.2	2.0	1.8
SASKATOON	128.7	128.6	0.1	1.9	1.6
CALGARY	132.8	132.8	0.0	1.8	1.6
EDMONTON	130.4	130.2	0.2	1.2	1.1
VANCOUVER	124.1	124.0	0.1	1.9	1.8
VICTORIA	123.6	123.3	0.2	2.3	2.0
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	123.8	123.7	0.1	1.0	1.3
TORONTO	126.5	126.2	0.2	1.4	1.9
OTTAWA	127.5	127.4	0.1	1.6	1.9
MONTREAL	121.1	120.8	0.2	2.4	1.6
QUEBEC	121.7	121.5	0.2	2.4	1.7
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	124.2	124.3	-0.1	1.4	1.1
HALIFAX	125.7	125.6	0.1	2.0	1.4
CHARLOTTETOWN	124.2	123.6	0.5	2.5	1.6
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	123.6	123.4	0.2	1.8	1.3
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			1	6	5

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS TWO DIFFERENT METHODS:

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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	OCTOBER 04/OCTOBER 03	OCTOBER 04/ SEPTEMBER 04
MANITOBA	2.9	0.4
CANADA	2.3	0.2

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.9% in October 2004 compared with October 2003, up from the September annual rate of 1.8%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in October was 2.3%, up from its September rate of 1.8%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Newfoundland and Labrador's annual inflation rate of 3.2% in October was the highest among the provinces, while Alberta recorded the lowest rate at 1.5%. The Winnipeg all items index was 2.7 in October, up from an annual rate of 1.7% in September.

Between October 2003 and October 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for recreational equipment and services, women's clothing, footwear, purchase and leasing of vehicles, home entertainment equipment and services, men's clothing, as well as traveller accommodation. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for gasoline, vehicle registration fees, replacement cost, food purchased from restaurants, cigarettes, homeowners' insurance premiums and electricity.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.4% in October, after falling by 0.2% in September. Prices were lower last month for purchase and leasing of vehicles, traveller accommodation, women's clothing, footwear, processed meat, household appliances, as well as non-alcoholic beverages. These declines were more than offset by increases in gasoline, property taxes, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, fresh or frozen chicken, other food preparations, food purchased from restaurants, as well as fresh fruit during the same time period. Overall, prices at the national level rose 0.2% in October, up from their September rate of 0.1%.

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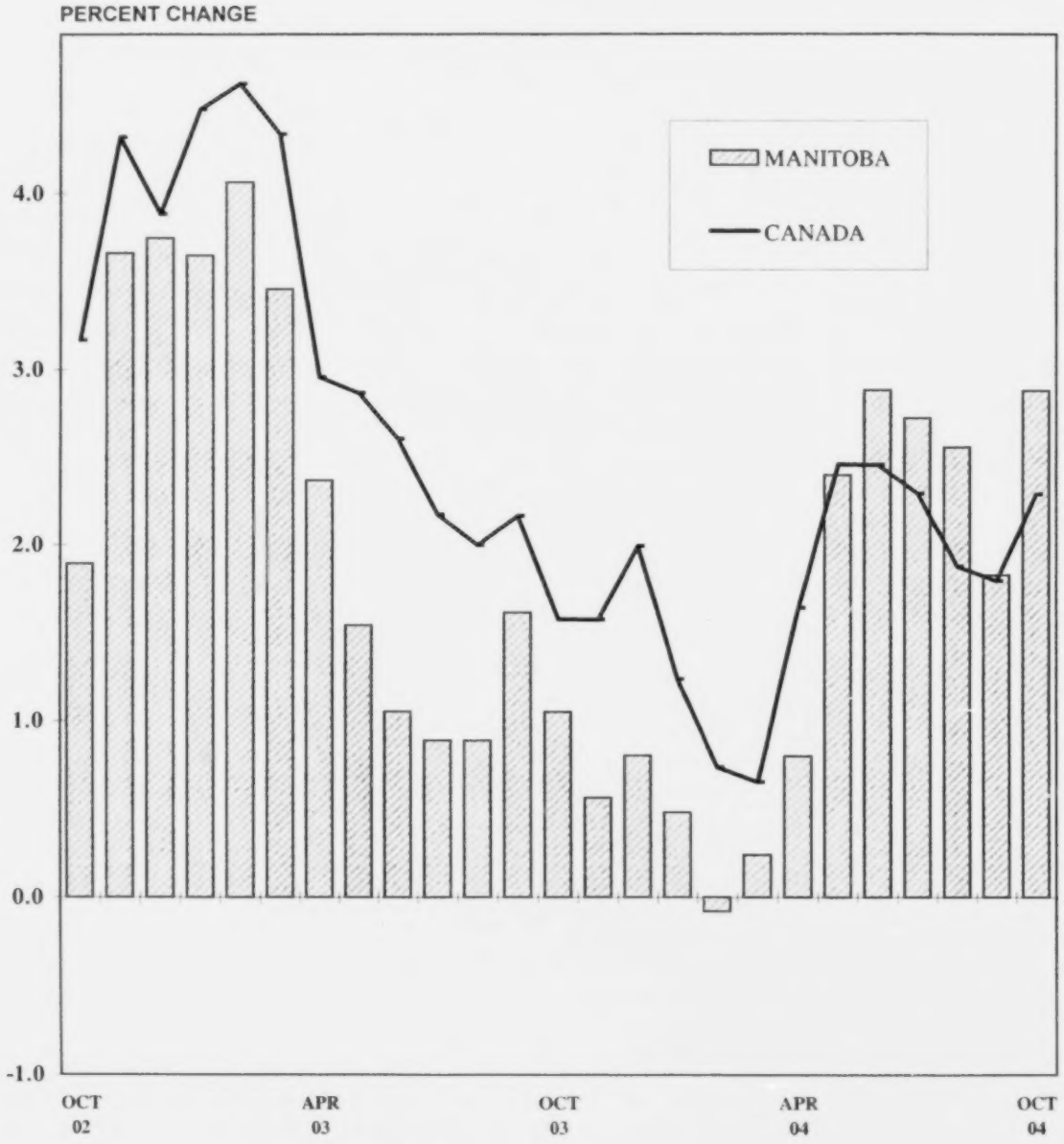

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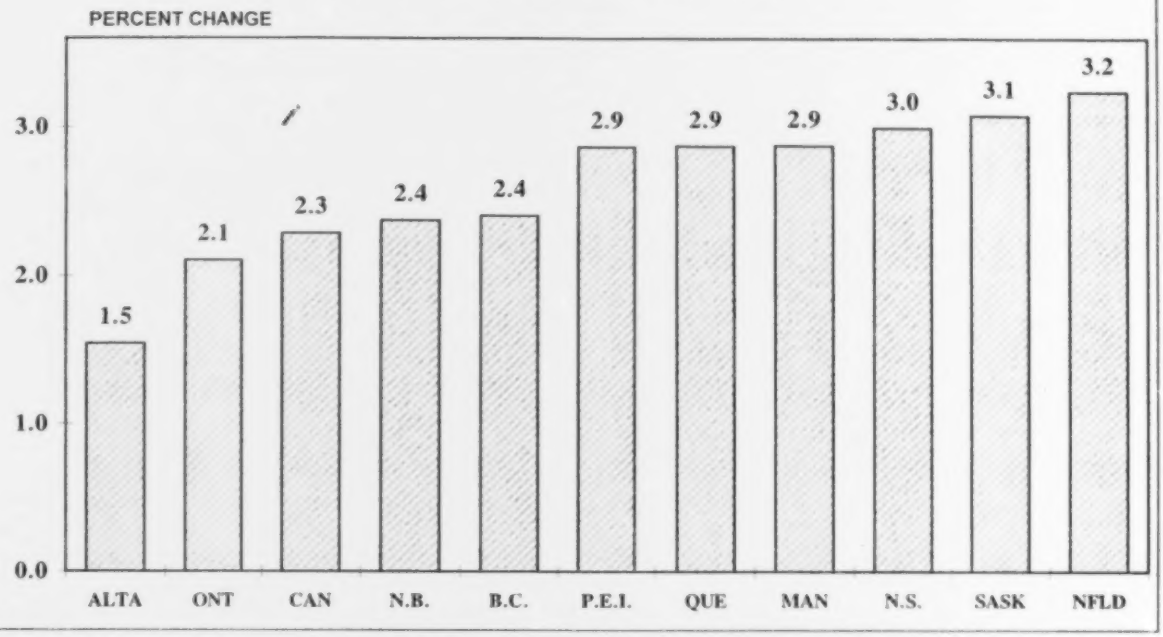

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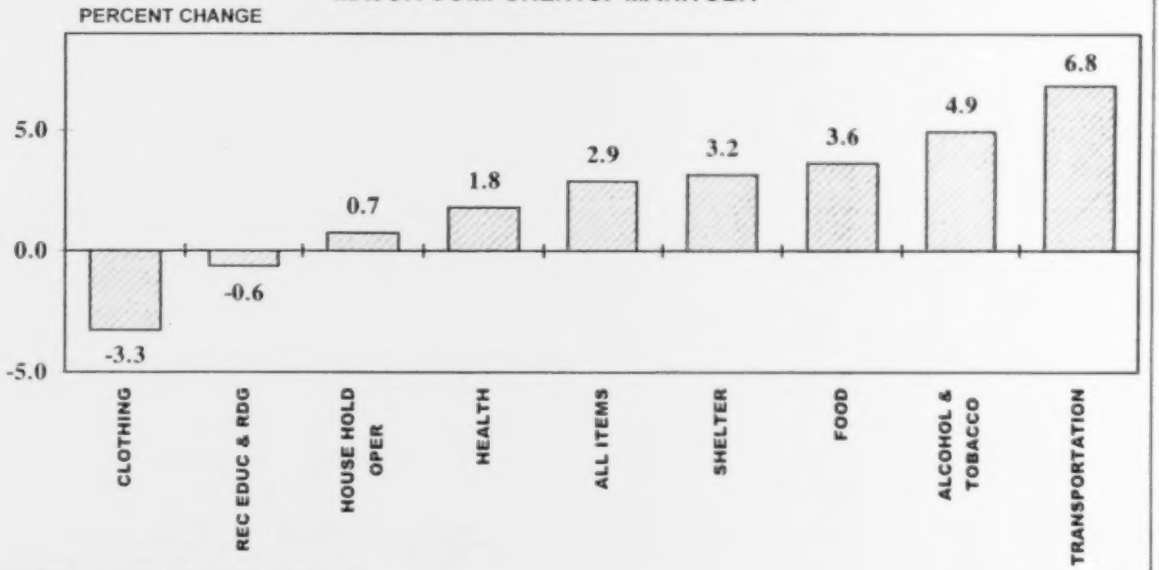

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR OCTOBER 2004

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	OCT 04	SEP 04	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 03	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 04	SEP 04	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	128.7	128.2	0.4	125.1	2.9	125.2	124.9	0.2	122.4	2.3
FOOD	131.3	130.0	1.0	126.7	3.6	125.3	124.7	0.5	121.1	3.5
SHELTER	124.3	123.4	0.7	120.5	3.2	121.8	121.2	0.5	118.2	3.0
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.2	122.1	0.1	121.3	0.7	115.0	115.4	-0.3	115.1	-0.1
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.3	115.8	-0.4	119.2	-3.3	105.4	104.9	0.5	105.0	0.4
TRANSPORTATION	140.5	140.3	0.1	131.5	6.8	144.6	143.7	0.6	139.7	3.5
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	124.5	124.1	0.3	122.3	1.8	119.1	119.2	-0.1	117.7	1.2
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	126.3	126.3	0.0	127.1	-0.6	128.4	129.4	-0.8	128.3	0.1
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	150.9	150.7	0.1	143.8	4.9	144.5	144.6	-0.1	137.0	5.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	128.1	127.8	0.2	124.8	2.6	125.3	125.0	0.2	122.7	2.1
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	125.5	125.3	0.2	123.7	1.5	122.3	122.3	0.0	121.1	1.0
ENERGY	153.3	151.1	1.5	135.3	13.3	154.9	151.7	2.1	137.0	13.1
GOODS	125.1	124.6	0.4	121.5	3.0	120.1	119.7	0.3	116.8	2.8
SERVICES	132.6	132.1	0.4	129.1	2.7	131.0	130.8	0.2	128.5	1.9

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR OCTOBER 2004

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	OCT 04	SEP 04	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 03	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 04	SEP 04	PERCENT CHANGE	OCT 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	128.7	128.2	0.4	125.1	2.9	131.3	130.0	1.0	126.7	3.6
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	130.5	129.7	0.6	126.6	3.1	124.6	123.7	0.7	120.6	3.3
ALBERTA	131.6	132.0	-0.3	129.6	1.5	124.1	124.4	-0.2	121.3	2.3
BRITISH COLUMBIA	123.5	123.5	0.0	120.6	2.4	124.6	123.6	0.8	122.3	1.9
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	126.2	125.8	0.3	123.6	2.1	125.2	124.7	0.4	120.9	3.6
QUEBEC	121.7	121.0	0.6	118.3	2.9	127.3	126.4	0.7	121.8	4.5
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	125.1	124.7	0.3	122.2	2.4	124.2	123.6	0.5	120.1	3.4
NOVA SCOTIA	127.2	126.8	0.3	123.5	3.0	126.5	126.5	0.0	121.3	4.3
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	125.5	125.2	0.2	122.0	2.9	123.2	122.9	0.2	118.2	4.2
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	124.2	123.8	0.3	120.3	3.2	121.0	120.7	0.2	116.3	4.0
* MANITOBA RANK				8	7				10	6

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF OCTOBER 2004)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.9	2.3	1.3	0.6	1.5	1.7
FOOD	3.6	3.5	4.1	-1.0	2.1	1.8
SHELTER	3.2	3.0	6.7	4.0	1.8	2.5
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.3	1.2	0.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-3.3	0.4	6.5	19.1	-1.3	0.0
TRANSPORTATION	6.8	3.5	-6.8	-4.3	1.9	1.9
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.8	1.2	4.6	-0.3	1.7	1.5
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-0.6	0.1	-0.9	-1.5	-0.3	0.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	4.9	5.5	-2.9	0.8	5.1	5.6
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.6	2.1	0.3	1.3	1.4	1.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.5	1.0	-1.0	0.3	1.0	1.4
ENERGY	13.3	13.1	11.8	7.0	4.7	5.6
GOODS	3.0	2.8	0.6	-0.3	1.0	1.1
SERVICES	2.7	1.9	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.3

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(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR OCTOBER 2004: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	OCT 04	SEP 04	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	128.8	128.2	0.5	2.7	1.5
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	131.4	130.8	0.5	3.0	1.9
SASKATOON	129.6	128.7	0.7	2.9	1.8
CALGARY	132.6	132.8	-0.2	1.8	1.6
EDMONTON	129.8	130.4	-0.5	1.3	1.0
VANCOUVER	124.2	124.1	0.1	2.4	1.9
VICTORIA	123.6	123.6	0.0	2.7	2.1
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	124.2	123.8	0.3	1.7	1.4
TORONTO	126.5	126.5	0.0	1.6	1.8
OTTAWA	127.9	127.5	0.3	2.2	1.9
MONTREAL	121.8	121.1	0.6	2.9	1.8
QUEBEC	122.3	121.7	0.5	2.7	1.8
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	124.7	124.2	0.4	2.1	1.2
HALIFAX	126.1	125.7	0.3	2.7	1.5
CHARLOTTETOWN	124.5	124.2	0.2	2.8	1.7
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	124.0	123.6	0.3	3.0	1.5
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			13	11	4

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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	NOVEMBER 04/NOVEMBER 03	NOVEMBER 04/ OCTOBER 04
MANITOBA	3.4	0.6
CANADA	2.4	0.4

The Manitoba all items index rose 3.4% in November 2004 compared with November 2003, up from the October annual rate of 2.9%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in November was 2.4%, up from its October rate of 2.3%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Prince Edward Island's annual inflation rate of 3.9% in November was the highest among the provinces, while Alberta recorded the lowest rate at 1.9%. The Winnipeg all items index was 3.3 in November, up from an annual rate of 2.7% in October.

Between November 2003 and November 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for recreational equipment and services, home entertainment equipment and services, traveller accommodation, footwear, household textiles, children's clothing as well as household appliances. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for gasoline, vehicle registration fees, replacement cost, food purchased from restaurants, homeowners' insurance premiums, cigarettes and fresh vegetables.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.6% in November, after rising by 0.4% in October. Prices were lower last month for traveller accommodation, inter-city transportation, natural gas, clothing accessories and jewellery, fresh or frozen chicken, fresh fruit as well as fresh or frozen beef. These declines were more than offset by increases in purchase and leasing of vehicles, fresh vegetables, automobile parts, maintenance and repairs, other cereal grains and products, homeowners' insurance premiums, women's clothing, as well as processed meat during the same time period. Overall, prices at the national level rose 0.4% in November, up from their October rate of 0.2%.

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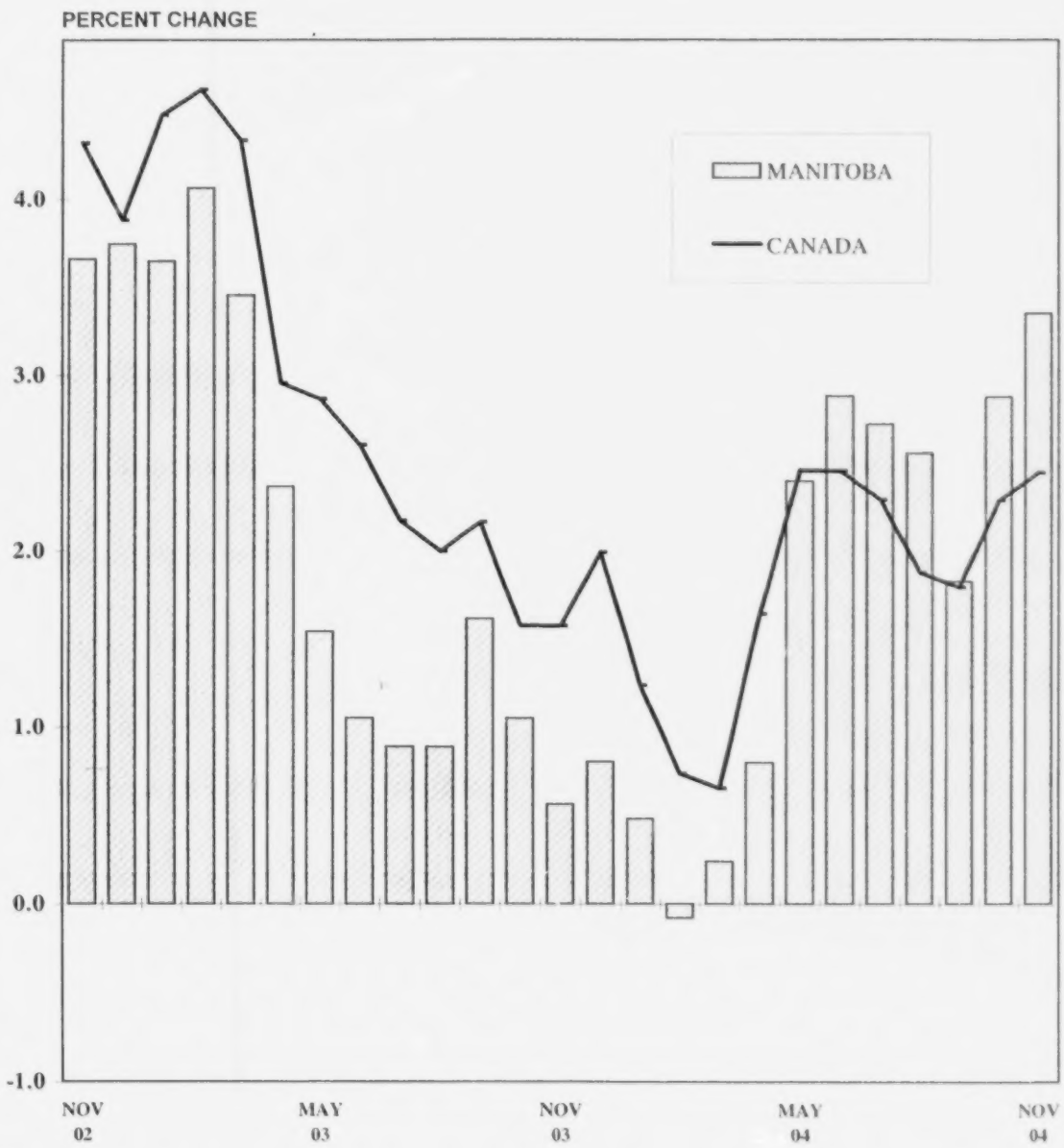

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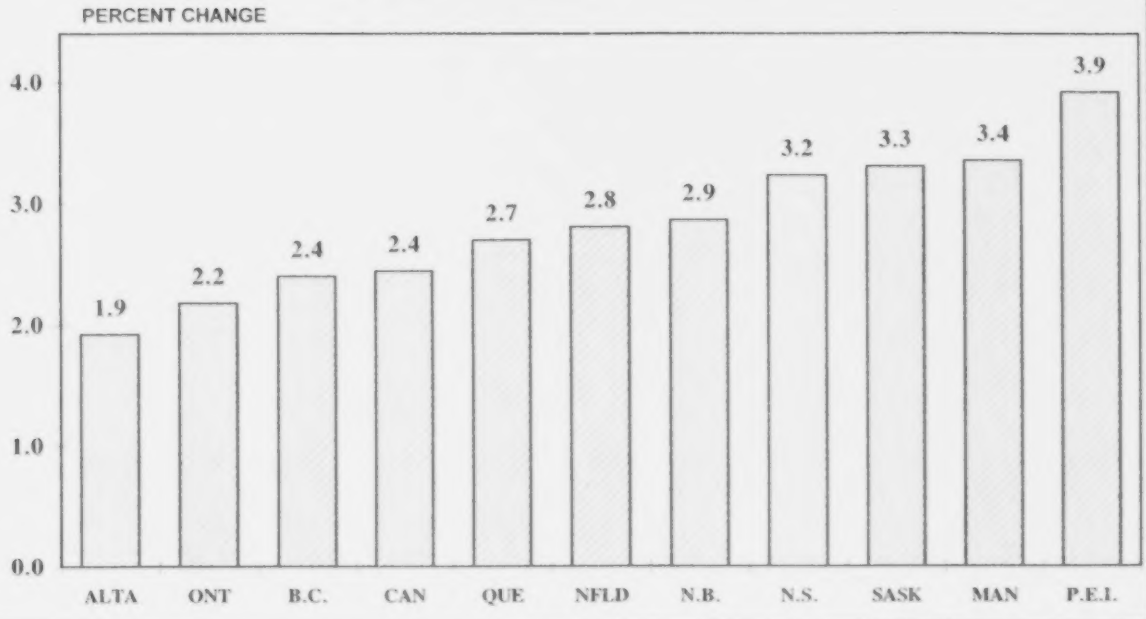

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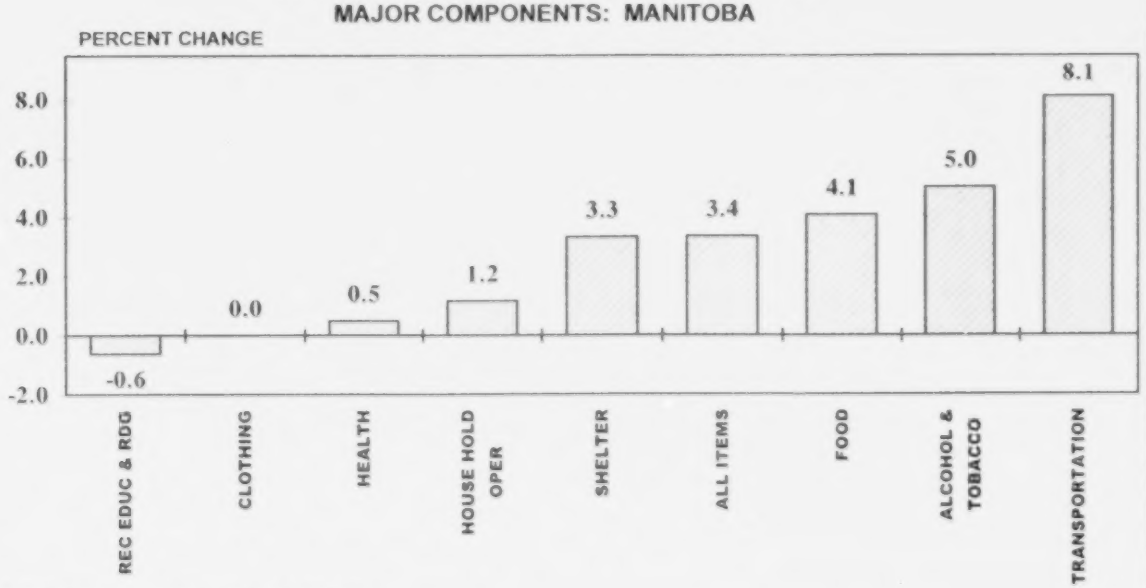

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR NOVEMBER 2004

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	NOV 04	OCT 04	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 03	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 04	OCT 04	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	129.5	128.7	0.6	125.3	3.4	125.7	125.2	0.4	122.7	2.4
FOOD	132.6	131.3	1.0	127.4	4.1	126.6	125.3	1.0	122.3	3.5
SHELTER	124.3	124.3	0.0	120.3	3.3	122.2	121.8	0.3	118.3	3.3
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.7	122.2	0.4	121.3	1.2	115.1	115.0	0.1	114.9	0.2
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.4	115.3	0.1	115.4	0.0	103.2	105.4	-2.1	104.2	-1.0
TRANSPORTATION	144.0	140.5	2.5	133.2	8.1	146.7	144.6	1.5	140.9	4.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	124.3	124.5	-0.2	123.7	0.5	118.8	119.1	-0.3	118.0	0.7
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	125.6	126.3	-0.6	126.4	-0.6	127.4	128.4	-0.8	127.5	-0.1
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	151.0	150.9	0.1	143.8	5.0	144.7	144.5	0.1	137.6	5.2
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	128.9	128.1	0.6	124.8	3.3	125.5	125.3	0.2	122.8	2.2
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	126.4	125.5	0.7	124.0	1.9	122.9	122.3	0.5	121.4	1.2
ENERGY	152.6	153.3	-0.5	132.2	15.4	151.7	154.9	-2.1	135.4	12.0
GOODS	126.7	125.1	1.3	121.8	4.0	120.7	120.1	0.5	117.5	2.7
SERVICES	132.7	132.6	0.1	129.0	2.9	131.2	131.0	0.2	128.4	2.2

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR NOVEMBER 2004

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	NOV 04	OCT 04	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 03	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 04	OCT 04	PERCENT CHANGE	NOV 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	129.5	128.7	0.6	125.3	3.4	132.6	131.3	1.0	127.4	4.1
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	131.3	130.5	0.6	127.1	3.3	126.6	124.6	1.6	121.8	3.9
ALBERTA	132.5	131.6	0.7	130.0	1.9	125.4	124.1	1.0	122.6	2.3
BRITISH COLUMBIA	123.7	123.5	0.2	120.8	2.4	125.5	124.6	0.7	123.5	1.6
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	126.6	126.2	0.3	123.9	2.2	126.7	125.2	1.2	121.8	4.0
QUEBEC	121.8	121.7	0.1	118.6	2.7	128.5	127.3	0.9	123.6	4.0
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	125.7	125.1	0.5	122.2	2.9	125.5	124.2	1.0	121.0	3.7
NOVA SCOTIA	127.8	127.2	0.5	123.8	3.2	128.0	126.5	1.2	122.5	4.5
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	127.3	125.5	1.4	122.5	3.9	124.4	123.2	1.0	119.8	3.8
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	124.5	124.2	0.2	121.1	2.8	121.1	121.0	0.1	118.4	2.3
* MANITOBA RANK			8		9			5		9

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF NOVEMBER 2004)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	3.4	2.4	3.5	2.9	1.7	1.8
FOOD	4.1	3.5	8.2	4.2	2.4	2.0
SHELTER	3.3	3.3	2.9	4.4	1.9	2.6
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.2	0.2	1.3	0.3	1.2	0.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.0	-1.0	1.0	5.6	-1.2	0.0
TRANSPORTATION	8.1	4.1	7.9	5.6	2.7	2.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.0	1.6	1.5
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	-0.6	-0.1	-1.9	-3.7	-0.4	0.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	5.0	5.2	-3.9	0.0	5.1	5.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	3.3	2.2	2.5	2.6	1.6	1.8
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.9	1.2	2.6	3.3	1.1	1.3
ENERGY	15.4	12.0	2.4	-1.8	6.1	6.6
GOODS	4.0	2.7	5.9	3.4	1.4	1.4
SERVICES	2.9	2.2	1.2	2.2	2.1	2.3

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR NOVEMBER 2004: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	NOV 04	OCT 04	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	129.6	128.8	0.6	3.3	1.7
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	132.0	131.4	0.5	3.0	2.1
SASKATOON	130.3	129.6	0.5	3.1	1.9
CALGARY	133.5	132.6	0.7	2.1	1.7
EDMONTON	130.7	129.8	0.7	1.7	1.0
VANCOUVER	124.2	124.2	0.0	2.3	1.9
VICTORIA	123.8	123.6	0.2	2.7	2.2
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	124.5	124.2	0.2	1.7	1.4
TORONTO	126.9	126.5	0.3	1.5	1.8
OTTAWA	128.3	127.9	0.3	2.1	2.0
MONTREAL	121.8	121.8	0.0	2.6	1.9
QUEBEC	122.5	122.3	0.2	2.6	1.9
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	125.3	124.7	0.5	2.7	1.3
HALIFAX	126.7	126.1	0.5	3.0	1.6
CHARLOTTETOWN	126.0	124.5	1.2	3.6	1.9
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	124.3	124.0	0.2	2.7	1.6
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			13	15	6

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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	DECEMBER 04/DECEMBER 03	DECEMBER 04/ NOVEMBER 04
MANITOBA	3.4	0.3
CANADA	2.1	-0.2

The Manitoba all items index rose 3.4% in December 2004 compared with December 2003, unchanged from the November annual rate of 3.4%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in December was 2.1%, down from its November rate of 2.4%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Prince Edward Island's annual inflation rate of 3.6% in December was the highest among the provinces, while Alberta recorded the lowest rate at 1.8%. The Winnipeg all items index was 3.3 in December, unchanged from an annual rate of 3.3% in November.

Between December 2003 and December 2004, Manitoba saw lower prices for recreational equipment and services, footwear, home entertainment equipment and services, children's clothing, household textiles, personal care supplies and equipment as well as fresh fruit. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of vehicles, vehicle registration fees, replacement cost, food purchased from restaurants, homeowners' insurance premiums and cigarettes.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.3% in December, after rising by 0.6% in November. Prices were lower last month for gasoline, fresh fruit, men's clothing, reading material and other printed matter, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, children's clothing as well as personal care supplies and equipment. These declines were more than offset by increases in purchase and leasing of vehicles, fresh vegetables, inter-city transportation, food purchased from restaurants, pet food and supplies, fresh or frozen chicken as well as other food preparations during the same time period. Overall, prices at the national level fell 0.2% in December, down from their November rate of 0.4%.

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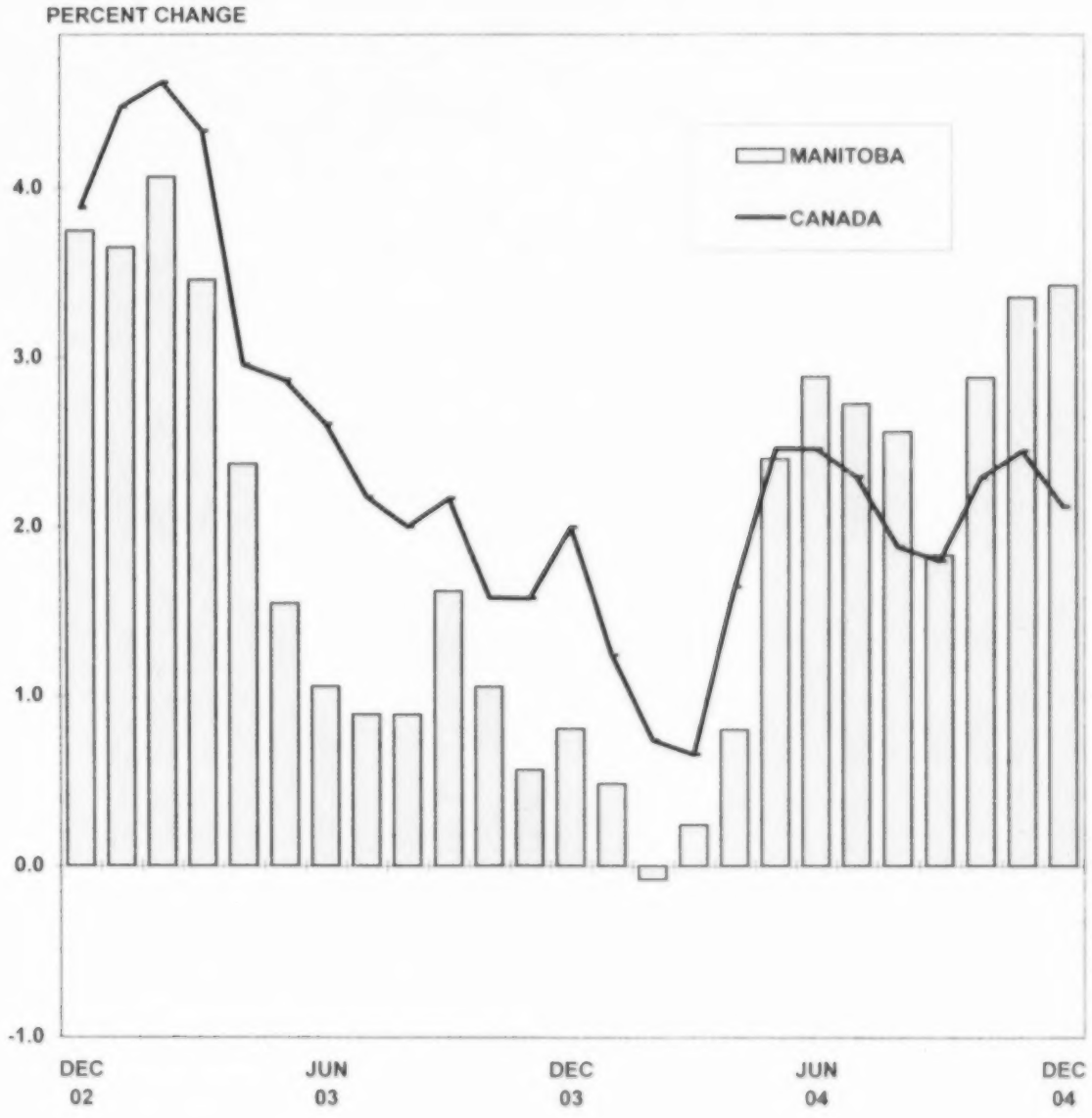

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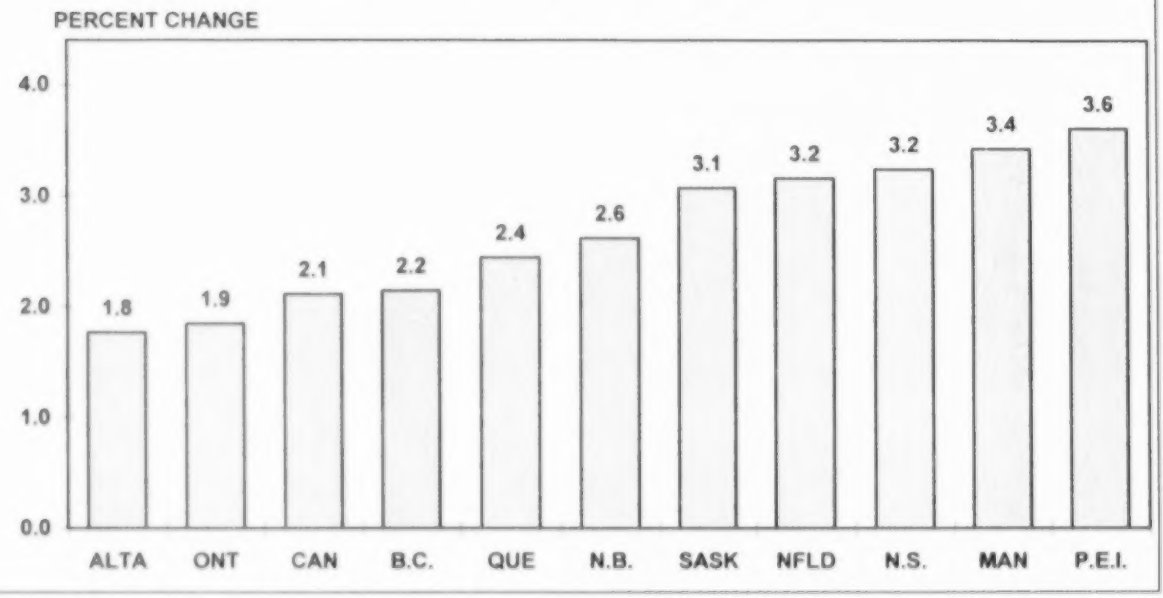

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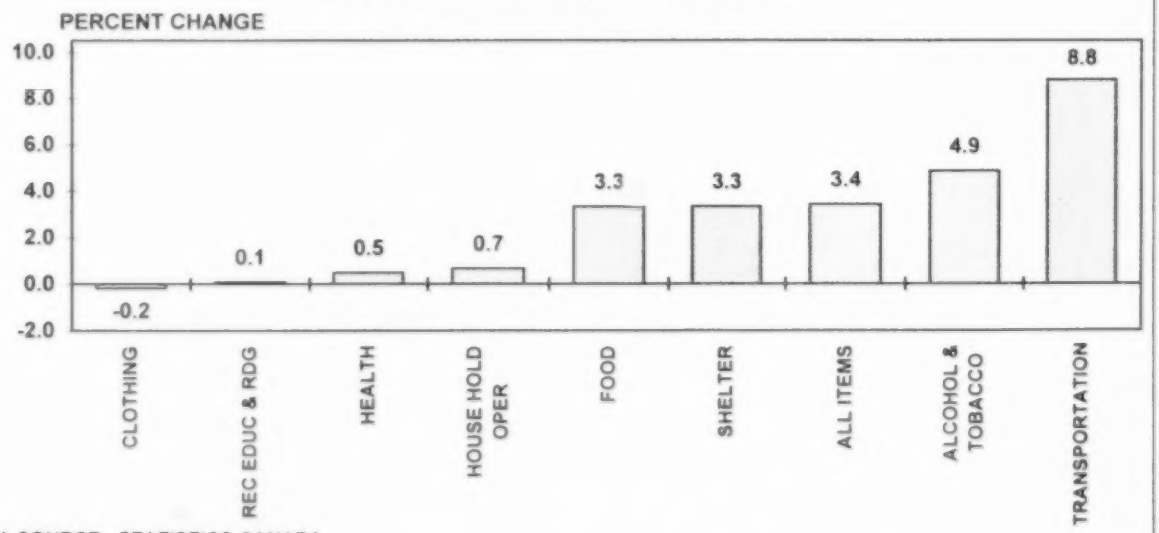

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR DECEMBER 2004

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	DEC 04	NOV 04	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 03	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 04	NOV 04	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	129.9	129.5	0.3	125.6	3.4	125.4	125.7	-0.2	122.8	2.1
FOOD	134.0	132.6	1.1	129.7	3.3	127.2	126.6	0.5	123.4	3.1
SHELTER	124.3	124.3	0.0	120.3	3.3	122.3	122.2	0.1	118.8	2.9
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	123.2	122.7	0.4	122.4	0.7	115.3	115.1	0.2	114.9	0.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	114.0	115.4	-1.2	114.2	-0.2	100.8	103.2	-2.3	102.5	-1.7
TRANSPORTATION	144.6	144.0	0.4	132.9	8.8	145.8	146.7	-0.6	140.8	3.6
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	124.2	124.3	-0.1	123.6	0.5	119.1	118.8	0.3	117.6	1.3
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	125.7	125.6	0.1	125.6	0.1	126.9	127.4	-0.4	126.5	0.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	151.2	151.0	0.1	144.2	4.9	144.5	144.7	-0.1	140.1	3.1
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	129.0	128.9	0.1	124.7	3.4	125.2	125.5	-0.2	122.7	2.0
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	126.7	126.4	0.2	123.9	2.3	122.9	122.9	0.0	121.2	1.4
ENERGY	151.0	152.6	-1.0	131.4	14.9	147.3	151.7	-2.9	136.2	8.1
GOODS	127.1	126.7	0.3	122.3	3.9	120.1	120.7	-0.5	117.6	2.1
SERVICES	132.9	132.7	0.2	129.1	2.9	131.4	131.2	0.2	128.6	2.2

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(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	DEC 04	NOV 04	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 03	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 04	NOV 04	PERCENT CHANGE	DEC 03	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	129.9	129.5	0.3	125.6	3.4	134.0	132.6	1.1	129.7	3.3
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	130.9	131.3	-0.3	127.0	3.1	126.3	126.6	-0.2	124.2	1.7
ALBERTA	132.2	132.5	-0.2	129.9	1.8	125.0	125.4	-0.3	124.2	0.6
BRITISH COLUMBIA	123.5	123.7	-0.2	120.9	2.2	125.9	125.5	0.3	124.4	1.2
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	126.5	126.6	-0.1	124.2	1.9	127.9	126.7	0.9	123.3	3.7
QUEBEC	121.5	121.8	-0.2	118.6	2.4	128.8	128.5	0.2	124.0	3.9
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	125.2	125.7	-0.4	122.0	2.6	125.6	125.5	0.1	120.6	4.1
NOVA SCOTIA	127.5	127.8	-0.2	123.5	3.2	128.6	128.0	0.5	122.1	5.3
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	126.4	127.3	-0.7	122.0	3.6	124.9	124.4	0.4	119.8	4.3
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	124.1	124.5	-0.3	120.3	3.2	121.3	121.1	0.2	116.6	4.0
* MANITOBA RANK			10		9			10		4

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF DECEMBER 2004)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	3.4	2.1	5.4	1.6	2.0	1.8
FOOD	3.3	3.1	12.9	8.3	2.5	2.1
SHELTER	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.7	2.1	2.5
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	0.7	0.3	3.7	-0.3	1.2	0.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-0.2	-1.7	-6.1	-14.7	-1.2	-0.2
TRANSPORTATION	8.8	3.6	12.8	6.0	3.6	2.4
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	0.5	1.3	0.3	-0.3	1.4	1.5
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.1	0.3	-1.9	-7.5	-0.4	0.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	4.9	3.1	1.3	-0.3	5.1	5.4
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	3.4	2.0	3.8	0.6	1.8	1.8
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	2.3	1.4	4.5	2.0	1.2	1.3
ENERGY	14.9	8.1	-0.3	-11.1	7.2	6.8
GOODS	3.9	2.1	8.3	1.3	1.7	1.4
SERVICES	2.9	2.2	2.4	1.8	2.2	2.2

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OTTAWA	128.1	128.3	-0.2	1.8	1.9
MONTREAL	121.5	121.8	-0.2	2.4	1.9
QUEBEC	122.1	122.5	-0.3	2.3	1.9
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	124.8	125.3	-0.4	2.5	1.5
HALIFAX	126.2	126.7	-0.4	2.9	1.7
CHARLOTTETOWN	125.3	126.0	-0.6	3.5	2.1
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